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The War Today

By GUY RHOADES

The political demise of Pierre Laval and his replacement by a man of far less forceful character may be taken as an indication that all is not rosy in relations between conquered France and Nazi Germany.

Laval the ambitious has been replaced by Pierre Etienne Flaudin, pro-Nazi in sympathy but less a man of action. He is said to be almost as unpopular with the French people as Laval, but he is less likely to attempt a seizure of power, which is what Laval is believed to have done.

Laval was reported in Swiss circles to have urged Chief of State Petain first to permit the Germans to use French naval bases in action against the British navy and latterly to permit German troops to sail from French ports to the help of Italy in Albania and north Africa.

DEMORALIZED

The explanation for the latter scheme was said to be the belief that passage of German troops through the Brenner Pass and their embarkation at Italian ports would so demoralize the already poor-spirited Italians that it might defeat its own purpose.

Yet the military situation, both in Albania and Libya, gave every indication that sooner or later the Italians will have to obtain German help. They appear utterly routed in Libya and unable to stem the Greek advance in Albania.

The situation in Libya is likely to continue deteriorating as British forces advance along the coast, capturing ports and facilitating the landing of supplies.

NAVY'S FAILURE

The Italian campaign to invade Egypt and dash for the Suez Canal failed, for one thing, because the Italian navy was not able to take command of the Mediterranean. Despite its superior speed and heavy ordnance, it was unable to face units of the British Mediterranean fleet, and

fences were so poorly manned that it suffered severely from aerial bombardments.

In addition the Italians were not able to take command of the air, presumably because of inferior equipment, possibly combined with inferior training of personnel.

CO-ORDINATION

Both these factors gave the British forces a decided advantage. It enabled them to co-ordinate their attack from land, sea and air. The three-month lay up at Sidi Barrani did the Italians no good, while it enabled the British to complete the preparations for their counter-attack. The Italians merely had to vegetate, as the Royal Navy forces had cut their supply lines with their homeland.

The problem the Italians may face some day, unless German help comes, is evacuation of their forces from Libya and Albania. They may eventually find themselves in a similar predicament to that of the British army at Dunkerque after the collapse of France.

If that should occur there would be this difference, however, Italian forces would have to be taken farther than did the British if they were to escape.

Soldier for Christmas

Victoria is out to make it a just-like-home Christmas for soldiers here away from home.

"Many of the boys stationed here are lonely and would be glad to make friends and enjoy some of the comforts of home life," said Dorothy Spurr, chairman, central hospitality committee of the Auxiliary Services, today.

"This committee is anxious to obtain names of families willing to invite one or more men at Christmas. Offers should be phoned to the Y.W.C.A. Central Clearing Station, E3412, where volunteer helpers will be on hand from now until Friday.

7 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT



George Medal Awarded Local Man for Bravery

Capt. Douglas W. Cunningham, 24, son-in-law of Herbert A. Brown, 2760 Burdick Avenue, has been awarded the George Medal for conspicuous gallantry, it was announced today in London.

Capt. Cunningham's wife, the former Ivy Brown, at present is in Calgary with her husband's parents, Col. D. G. L. Cunningham, M.C., and Mrs. Cunningham. She and Capt. Cunningham, who met when he was stationed at Work Point military barracks, were married 18 months ago in the chapel of Queen Margaret's School, Duncan, which the bride attended.

Honored with Capt. Cunningham was Lieut. John M. S. Patton, 25, of Hamilton, Ontario, who was given the George Cross, next-in-line to the Victoria Cross.

Details of their actions were not published in London, but a letter received here some weeks ago from one of Cunningham's senior officers said "he and another officer by the name of Patton, are likely to be decorated. A delayed-action bomb landed in a factory near where they were working and shot out through the wall into the yard, where it would do a tremendous lot of damage if it went off."

"JOLLY GOOD WORK"

The people of the factory, knowing we were engineers, went to us to see if we could dispose of it. Patton heard about it first, and buzzed off to have a look at it, and when Cunningham heard, he went over in a truck. Patton tied a steel rope around the bomb and Cunningham drove the truck, and they dragged the thing off into a field and into a crater that had been formed by another bomb, untied the rope at the truck and beat it, and so probably saved the factory from being blown up. Jolly good work and nerve on their part, and they deserve decoration."



Capt. Douglas Cunningham

In London today Capt. Cunningham and Lieut. Patton declined to discuss their exploit, but it was learned from eye-witnesses they behaved "cool as icebergs in doing a red hot job" while Nazi bombers droned overhead.

"They risked their lives to remove a danger that threatened hundreds of people," one eye-witness told the Canadian Press.

These two Canadian army officers are the first to win such decorations, recently introduced by King George. Both are graduates of Queen's University, Kingston, Ont.

Capt. Cunningham went to high school in Calgary, graduated from Royal Military College at Kingston in 1937 and from Queen's a year later, with a civil engineering degree. He joined the Canadian permanent force as a lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery.

Lieut. Patton attended Port Hope's Trinity College School and Westdale High School in Hamilton, before entering Queen's. He graduated in 1939 with a degree in chemical engineering. His wife lives in Kingston.

British Drive in Libya Sollum, Capuzzo Captured From Italians

CAIRO (AP)—British troops today occupied the Italian bases of Sollum and Fort Capuzzo and captured a number of aircraft on the ground, a communique reported tonight.

British Advance From Border

CAIRO (AP)—British advanced forces are "well across" the Libyan frontier, a general headquarters communique said today.

It acknowledged, however, that the Italians still hold strongly defended positions about Sollum, Egyptian port five miles from the Libyan frontier.

Starting the second week of their drive across western Egypt, the British today were reported smashing the enemy farther back at points along the coastal sector of the border, where heavy fighting has been going on for three days and nights.

Details of the Sollum operations still were awaited in Cairo, but British headquarters said the drive was proceeding "satisfactorily."

British military circles said their forces near Sollum, as well as those pushing forward in the Fort Capuzzo-Bardia sector, were operating today in a rain.

Yesterday they fought almost blindly through dust storms. Today's communique said "Bad weather conditions are still interfering with visibility."

Italian troops, battered almost incessantly by the big guns of British warships ranging along the coast, were said to be fighting desperately in an effort to halt the British drive near the Libyan frontier.

British headquarters did not disclose whether Marshal Graziani had reinforced his frontier

stand with his large reservoir of Libyan reserves.

British Want Sollum as Port

Sollum, military observers said, would be a valuable prize to the British. It offers a deep water port to which the British Mediterranean fleet could ferry troops and supplies, saving the long haul across the desert from Matruh.

These sources said if Sollum fell to the British they probably would consolidate their position there, to safeguard their flank to the sea, before attempting another major thrust to the west.

The British air force, meanwhile, carried the war into Libya ahead of the mechanized columns.

They bombed the harbor and military buildings at Bardia twice during a week-end attack on Fascist air bases all along the Libyan coast.

Today's British communique said: "On the Sudan frontier our patrols had another successful day."

Military circles said the British wanted to keep the Italians on the run and the desert rain might cause some delay. The advance is expected to slow down in any case, however, because of mopping up operations and the extended communications lines.

R.A.F. Planes Pound Italian Bases

Royal Air Force headquarters issued this communique Monday:

"Despite bad weather, the R.A.F. continued to attack enemy



BATTLES AT MEDITERRANEAN COAST—The most violent fighting in Libyan-Egyptian border area today was around Sollum. These maps indicate the direction of the great drive in which the British and their Allies hurled the Italians from the soil of Egypt, capturing an estimated 25,000.

landing grounds and airdromes in the western desert yesterday. Our fighters maintained a protective patrol for our advanced troops.

"During nights of December 14-15 and 15-16 raids were carried out on Bardia, Tmimi, Gazala, Tobruk, Gubi and El Adem. At Bardia fierce fires visible from a distance of 60 miles were caused. The jets were hit and considerable damage was done."

"Yesterday Bomba, Appolonia, Derna and Benina were visited by our bombers."

"R.A.F. fighter aircraft carried out offensive patrols over a wide area reaching as far as Tobruk. During these operations two CR-42's were shot down and one other enemy fighter was probably destroyed."

"Throughout these intensive operations no R.A.F. aircraft was lost."

Attack Carried To East Africa

"In Italian East Africa, a night attack was made on Gura, bombs falling on the airdrome, hangars and near aircraft parked at one end of the airdrome."

"In the night Zula, Gondar, Assab and Bahardar were also raided. Fires were caused among buildings in the barracks area at Assab airdrome, and Gondar was heavily bombed and large fires started in a nearby camp, while at Bahardar bombs fell well within the target area. The full extent of the damage was not observed."

"The enemy attempted to raid Malta on the night of December 14-15 and again yesterday. No damage or casualties resulted from either raid."

Italians Say Their Planes Busy

ROME (AP)—Monday's Italian high command communique:

"Enemy forces have continued pressure in the frontier zone in Cyrenaica (Libya) under bombardments of our air force which has inflicted many losses on armored formations."

"(British reports indicated that Italian air attacks on advancing mechanized forces had not been successful and that R.A.F. fighters 'had beaten them back with heavy losses.')

Italian Collapse Feared in Berlin

LONDON (CP)—The influential German newspaper Frankfurter Zeitung is pondering the possibility that "Italy may collapse like a house of cards," the British Broadcasting Corporation reported this evening.

The newspaper was said to have expressed the hope that Italy would resist, but held out no promise of direct German assistance should her plight become more intense.

"The only way we will relieve Italy from British pressure is by means of constant attacks on England," the newspaper was quoted as saying.

The BBC said this view was in decided contrast to that expressed yesterday by the Voelkischer Beobachter, which lightly dismissed the Mediterranean situation as "giving no cause for anxiety" and scoffed at suggestions that Germany would "leave Italy in the lurch."

Final Bulletins

No Message Yet From Howe

LONDON (CP)—Official sources tonight had nothing to add to last night's information that Hon. C. D. Howe, Canadian Minister of Munitions, is believed to be safe after the torpedoing of the liner Western Prince, on which, with three departmental officials, he was traveling to England.

They described reports published in North America that Mr. Howe and all other passengers had arrived safely in England as "entirely unconfirmed." At the same time they said there was "reason to hope" Mr. Howe and the members of his party are safe.

(See Ottawa story on page 2.)

Say Bridge Bombed

TOKYO (AP)—A Domei, Japanese news agency, dispatch from "somewhere in Indo-China" claimed that Japanese naval planes had bombed the new Kungum bridge spanning the Mekong River on the Burma road today, halting traffic.

Ask Spain to Explain

LONDON (CP)—The British Broadcasting Corporation reported this evening that Sir Samuel Hoare, British ambassador to Madrid, is conferring with Spanish authorities on the Spanish government's recent action in abrogating the statute of the International Zone at Tangier.

School Concerts Off

City school concerts were ordered postponed today until after the Christmas vacation to avoid as far as possible the spread of influenza. Letters advising the different principals of the decision to prevent large assemblies of children were sent out this morning over the signature of George H. Deane, municipal inspector.

Deportation Urged

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said this afternoon he had made a report to the Attorney-General showing that Harry Bridges, west coast labor leader, is a Communist and that the Communist Party advocates the overthrow of the U.S. government.

Bishop Resigns

EDMONTON (CP)—Rt. Rev. Arthur E. Burgett, Anglican Bishop of Edmonton, announced his resignation today. The prelate, 71 years old Saturday, has been ill for several months.

Ss. Queen Mary At Sydney

TOKYO (AP)—Domei, Japanese news agency, reported today from Kobe, Japan, that passengers arriving from Australia told of seeing the giant British liner Queen Mary at Sydney.

Enemy General and Colonel Killed Greeks Smash Reinforcements

ATHENS (AP)—An Italian general and a colonel were reported killed today when Greeks stormed an important position. Fascist forces were trying desperately to hold.

The Italians were said to have fled, leaving many dead, including other senior officers.

This was on the southern front, where the Greeks are driving toward Valona, one of the three remaining Albanian ports in Italian possession.

"In this sector our troops scored another great victory by storming and occupying another height which the Italians defended with a general and a colonel at their head," one report said.

"These two senior officers, with revolvers in hand, induced their men to defend the position. However, both officers were hit in the breast and died."

"Their deaths were the sign for a wholesale retreat and abandonment of the height. After occupation of the height, our soldiers found the bodies of Italian senior officers."

Greeks Drive Through Reserves

In a fierce new drive from Pogadetz toward Elbasani in central Albania, Greek mountain regiments were reported to have smashed through massed Italian reserves for large gains.

Dispatches from that battle-front said the offensive which had been held up by storms and zero temperatures was resumed at the week-end with greater gains than had been made there last week.

The Greeks said: "Italians attempting to counter-attack were repelled and dispersed in such a way as to lose contact with the bases from which they started."

Flank Movement On Enemy's Left

There were indications that the Greek drive beyond Pogadetz, along the Albanian-Yugoslav frontier, included an effort to flank the Italians by smashing them back from their border forts and leaving their left wing "in the air."

A dispatch from the front last night said "Greek troops succeeded in making a general advance over a wide area in the

mountains region held by the enemy above Pogadetz, where the Italians had concentrated all their reserves."

This report said Greek artillery smashed "permanent enemy fortifications along the Yugoslav-Albanian frontier" in a three-day bombardment, clearing the way for "stormy charges by Greek infantry."

One battle area in the southern sector was said to have been "ablaze for days" as Greek and Italian batteries of heavy guns thundered at each other's positions.

Push Forward Through Snow

By DANIEL DE LUCE

WITH THE GREEK ARMY ON THE SOUTHERN ALBANIAN FRONT (AP)—Against odds of freezing weather and bitter Italian rearward resistance, Greece's fighters reported today they had pushed their lines forward on a snowy front running half the length of Albania.

Tough Greek infantrymen, swathed in khaki woollens, carried the brunt of the attack, it was reported in front line military dispatches reaching this base.

The Italians continued throwing reserves into the scattered mountain battles, but all reports pointed to imminent Greek successes possibly surpassing those gained in the capture of Koritza and Argirocastro, main bases of the thwarted Fascist invasion of Greece.

(In London British military circles declared information from Greece indicated advancing Greek forces were expected soon to take Tepeleni, Albanian crossroads town midway between Argirocastro and the port of Valona.)

No Equipment Landed By Enemy

Constant aerial pounding of Valona harbor has hampered Italian efforts to land troops and they now are having to disembark reinforcements in small boats launched from transports anchored two miles from the regular docks.

Not a single piece of Italian fighting equipment is known to have been landed in the past few days, the Greeks declared.

Italian prisoners stream day and night through Ioannina,

Greek lakeside industrial town 30 miles from the Albanian border. Last night's arrivals included an entire battalion and its chaplain. Some prisoners cheerfully went to work cleaning Greek barracks.

Italians Claim Attacks Repulsed

ROME (AP)—A communique from the Italian high command today said:

"On the Greek front new enemy attacks have been repulsed. In bitter fighting enemy losses and ours have been considerable."

(Greek sources indicated good progress in recent Albanian fighting.)

In east Africa an enemy air raid on Assab caused damage to some buildings of the city. (This raid was not reported by the R.A.F. command at Cairo.)

FOG DELAYS TEAM

VANCOUVER (CP)—The scheduled Pacific Coast Hockey League game between Vancouver Lions and Portland Buckaroos has been postponed from tonight to tomorrow night, league officials said today, because of heavy fog which has delayed the Bucks on their way here from Seattle.

Assistance Asked

WASHINGTON (AP)—The British government, it was learned late today from official quarters, has made a formal request to the United States for financial assistance.

The information came from high sources which declined to be quoted by name.

The amount and the exact nature of the request were not disclosed, except that it was hinted the request could not be defined as an application for a "loan."

Casualty List

OTTAWA (CP)—Seven deaths were reported late today in the 30th casualty list of the Canadian (Active) Army, bringing the total number of dead and missing reported in the active army since the start of the war to 142.

Rent Controller



Judge H. H. Shandley, above, was named today as the chairman of the three-man board on rental control for Greater Victoria. Story on Page 15.

Day Raiders Fly Singly Over England

LONDON (CP)—"Enemy activity during today has been confined to a small number of single aircraft," said an Air Ministry communique issued this evening. "Some of these penetrated into East Anglia and southeast England. A few bombs are reported in these areas, but they caused little damage and few casualties."

Planes also were reported near Liverpool.

One twin-motored German bomber dropped a stick of high explosives on the outskirts of a southeast coastal town.

Another enemy plane dropped a dozen bombs on the outskirts of London today and unsuccessfully tried to shoot down barrage balloons by machine-gun fire.

Railway employees reported that another German plane machine-gunned a passenger train in east Anglia, but the crew and passengers took refuge in a ditch. A fireman wounded by a bullet was the only casualty.



NEW CABLE TO AID DEFENCE—The schooner William Nottingham slowly plies her way across Puget Sound as a four-and-a-half-inch thick cable slides off the reel between Bremerton, Wash., power stations and the mainland. The four-mile-long cable—longest multiple strand unbroken cable in the world—will contribute to Pacific northwest defence work.

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RAUL BILKEY'S SON KILLED IN CRASH

TORONTO (CP)—Two air plane crashes, two motor accidents, two shooting accidents, a drowning, a scalding and a fall accounted for nine deaths in Ontario during the week-end.

One of the plane crashes occurred Thursday when a Royal Canadian Air Force training plane from Camp Borden crashed five miles from the base, killing L.A.C. C. P. Hopton of Cabri, Sask. The wreckage was not discovered until Saturday.

L.A.C. J. D. Bilkey, son of Paul E. Bilkey, editor-in-chief of the Montreal Gazette, was killed Saturday when his R.C.A.F. training plane crashed near Dunnville.

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GERMANS ANNOYED AT U.S. DESTROYERS

BERLIN (AP)—The German news and propaganda agency, commenting on statements it said the United States Navy Department gave out in connection with the sinking of the Nazi freighter Idarwald and an attempt on the merchant ship Rhein by the British, said today "it would be interesting to know what instructions American destroyers have in the event they are witnesses to warlike actions within the security zone patrolled by themselves."

"The American Navy Department gave out these two items of news without saying anything about the role of American destroyers which the two German vessels met soon after leaving harbor," the agency said.

"The Idarwald's captain, on inquiry, was told that American ships were ordered to accompany the German vessels to the limits of the American security zone."

The Idarwald was sunk off Cuba, December 8, after she had left Tampico, Mexico, in an attempt to slip through the British blockade. The British Admiralty announced the ship was scuttled by her own crew and that efforts of a British prize crew to prevent her sinking were unsuccessful.

The Rhein, which left Tampico at the same time, last was heard from after radioing December 1 that she was being followed by a warship.

(An account of the Idarwald incident, which occurred well within the American neutrality belt, was given by the Navy Department in Washington to the effect that the Idarwald's crew set her afire when the British cruiser approached.)

(A subsequent Navy Department announcement in Washington on December 11 said the Rhein was in possession of the Netherlands destroyer Kingsbergen that morning off the coast of Cuba. The location apparently was somewhere near where the British light cruiser Diomed intercepted the Idarwald.)

MONTREAL (CP)—In a quiet ceremony, J. Adhemar Raynault was sworn in today as mayor of Montreal, succeeding Camille Houde, in interim since last August.

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Railways At German Capital Bombed

Berlin Factories Blasted

LONDON (CP)—Railways, factories and utility services in Berlin were bombed by British raiders last night, the Air Ministry said today. It was Berlin's 36th raid of the war.

The Royal Air Force also pounded the Kiel shipyards and the port of Bremen in slashing overnight raids.

Berlin drew the heaviest attack, the announcement said, with the raiders singling out numerous important targets for their bombs.

The inland port of Frankfurt-on-Main was attacked and a number of targets near that city were hit hard.

In still another attack, British bombers scored direct hits on two enemy merchant vessels off the French coast.

Three planes are missing from all the night operations.

Prior to the Air Ministry's announcement, British informants had described the Berlin attack as "prolonged."

GERMAN CLAIMS

BERLIN (AP)—Monday's German high command communique: "In the night of December 15 combat planes attacked London as well as other war essential and military objectives in southeast England. One English port was mined anew. In the course of the day the air force made only reconnaissance flight, due to weather conditions."

"Last night British planes dropped a number of explosives and incendiaries on the Reich's territory."

(Raids on Sheffield, British

steel centre, were described there as not so severe as those of last week.)

"In Berlin several attic fires were quickly quenched. Several houses, including two hospitals, were damaged and one suburban rail line temporarily disturbed. There was only slight damage to buildings at other places. At Herford a church was destroyed by a bomb. Fire in a central German plant was quenched at the start. Production was not disturbed. Losses among the civilian population were four killed and 12 wounded."

"One enemy plane was downed by a night chaser. There were no German plane losses."

(In London the Press Association said it was believed three German planes had been downed in last night's raids.)

PRAYER FOR BRITAIN AT LOTHIAN RITES

WASHINGTON (AP)—The ashes of the Marquess of Lothian, late British ambassador to the United States, were placed today in a vault in the Arlington National Cemetery, there to remain indefinitely while his homeland continues its war with Germany. Lord Lothian died here Thursday.

The United States, in making available a vault underneath the memorial to the dead of the battleship Maine, gave another expression of America's esteem of the man who had served Great Britain here since the war began.

A special prayer for the embattled people of Britain was offered by Rt. Rev. James E. Freeman, Episcopal Bishop of Washington, at the funeral service yesterday, attended by high officials of the government and Washington diplomats.

In the vaulted dimness of the National Cathedral, in which the pulpit stones come from Lord Lothian's homeland and are inscribed with the first words of Magna Carta—"The Church of England shall be free"—Bishop Freeman prayed God to "strengthen and sustain" the British people "in this hour of their need."

"Guard and save them from the violence of their enemies," he prayed. "Give to them increased faith, courage and devotion to thee. Ease their burdens, heal their wounds, calm their fears, give comfort and peace to those who are afflicted, and preserve to future generations the gifts and virtues of the British Empire."

The brief service in the rites of the Anglican church included no eulogy or mention of the achievements of the 58-year-old nobleman who died early last Thursday, soon after he had addressed an appeal to the United States to give more aid to Great Britain.

A caisson escorted by a troop of cavalry bore the body from the British Embassy to the Episcopal Cathedral in a procession which moved slowly along Massachusetts Avenue, lined on both sides by throngs of watchers.

Blasts Mystery

HAMILTON, Ont. (CP)—Two heavy detonations today shook houses in the Burlington-Alder-Shoot district, throwing hundreds of persons into a state of alarm. The first occurred at 8.45 a.m. and the second 15 minutes later.

Reports indicated the blasts



CARRYING ON—Neville M. Butler, counselor of the British Embassy at Washington, has taken charge there, pending the appointment of a successor to the late ambassador, the Marquess of Lothian. Lord Lothian's last speech—a plea to America for aid to Britain—was read by Butler.

Shanghai Adviser Shot to Death

SHANGHAI (AP)—Eduard d'Hooghe, legal adviser to the municipal council of Shanghai's French Concession, was shot and killed in front of his residence in the concession Monday night by an unidentified assassin who escaped.

D'Hooghe had been criticized by Chinese adherents of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek's Chungking government because he represented the French in negotiations which resulted in the handing over of Chinese courts in the concession to the Japanese-supported Nanking regime.

This shooting followed by a few hours another in which a Japanese was the victim. A medical sergeant was shot in the back and killed by a Chinese in the centre of Japanese-controlled Hongkew. The killer was believed to have escaped.

were caused by explosives set off in the course of hydro excavation work near Burlington, but officials said no such blasts had been touched off.

Police are conducting a wide check-up to ascertain the cause of the trouble.

HOWE PARTY REPORTED SAFE

OTTAWA (CP)—An official report from London on the Saturday torpedoing of the liner Western Prince was expected hourly today, amid growing hopes that Munitions Minister Howe and three of his department officials were among the rescued.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King was advised during the week-end that most of the passengers and crew aboard the ship had been picked up safely. His information did not name any of the survivors, his office said.

In London, the Canadian Press heard reliably last night that Mr. Howe was safe. No information was available there about the minister's travelling companions—Col. W. C. Woodward of Vancouver and E. P. Taylor of Toronto, executive assistants, and Gordon Scott of Montreal, financial adviser.

But Mr. King's advice and the London report, pieced together by anxious friends and co-workers, led to belief in the capital that the news, when it came, would disclose that the entire government party was safe. There were rumors around the capital to that effect all week-end, but none could be confirmed.

The Furness liner, carrying Mr. Howe and his colleagues toward the United Kingdom for wartime consultations with British officials, left New York December 6. First word she had been attacked about 400 miles from the Irish coast came from Mackay Radio in New York which picked up a message from a Scottish radio station.

ROOSEVELT FORESEES CRISES

WARM SPRINGS, Ga. (AP)—President Roosevelt rode northward toward the United States capital today still gravely concerned, apparently, with international affairs whose ramifications may claim a major share of his attention in the next few weeks.

With the patients at a foundation for infantile paralysis victims here he left word that he would be back in March "if the world survives."

Just before he boarded his special train for the return to Washington last night he told the villagers he would return "if things go all right."

He spoke of international conditions to a friend, and asserted he was "trying to keep things steady."

Those offhand remarks, for which he offered no interpretation, followed a long telephone conference with Secretary of State Hull in Washington.



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ILSLEY FORECASTS BIG EXPENDITURES

TORONTO (CP)—Finance Minister J. L. Ilesley told the Canadian Club here today no one can deny the seriousness of the situation, but with the help of the Dominions the Empire "can and shall survive this most trying of ordeals—whether this roughest of storms."

Mr. Ilesley's speech primarily was about the war savings campaign, and the responsibilities it involves for all Canadians.

"We should regard our incomes as received in trust," he said. "We may legitimately use them for meeting our needs and those of our families, but we should not regard them as our own to spend as we choose."

"The nation has a claim on them which ranks ahead of our personal claims for nonessential purposes. The liberty we enjoy in the spending of our income increases our responsibility for their proper disposition."

The minister said the government would need to borrow next year a sum "likely to be much closer to \$1,000,000,000 than \$500,000,000." The objective for the war savings, aside from war loans, would be \$120,000,000 a year, more than double the original objective of \$50,000,000.

To reach this objective of 600,000 a month, he suggested, it would be necessary "to count on an average subscription to war savings certificates of about three times as much as is being paid in the form of the (2 per cent) national defence tax."

"We must expect that some with smaller incomes will have difficulty in saving much more than the amount of their tax, while those, shall we say, with more than \$50 a week can probably save more than three times what they pay in national defence tax."

"I realize quite well that these are substantial rates of saving, but they are not more than we need. It will mean doing without some of the comforts of life for a time; but that is not too much to expect when we are trying to preserve our homes and our liberties."

"Furthermore, these savings will be invested in the best security that can be obtained, will grow steadily in value, and will increase the future security of the individual or family doing the saving."

Mrs. Roosevelt Urges Gifts to Britain

WASHINGTON (AP)—Outright gifts of cash to Great Britain, rather than loans, were advocated today by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Asked at her press conference where such gifts would come from, the President's wife said "from the government," but added that they "ultimately would come out of the pockets of you and me." Cash gifts, she added, would be less likely than loans to involve this country in war.

"I don't see that there is much reason to talk about loans," she added. "We should not make the mistakes we did last time." She nodded when asked if she meant that these loans were not to be repaid.

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NEW YORK (AP)—A former Italian freighter seized by a Canadian warship after the crew had attempted to scuttle it in the St. Lawrence River, wireless today it was "being bombed by enemy aircraft" off the coast of Ireland.

The vessel, the Big Island—once owned by the American Munson Line—gave her position in a message picked up by Mackay Radio as 340 miles west by south of Tory Island. The call was heard at 7.23 a.m. E.D.T. (3.23 a.m. P.S.T.).

The freighter, a craft of 2,450 tons, originally was the Munson Line Minardian. In 1934 she was renamed the Capo Noli and was in Italian trade.

war, last June 19, she was seized by the vessel ashore in the St. Lawrence River near Big Island, from which her name was derived. Refloated, she was declared the property of the British Crown last November.

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SPEEDY U.S. LOAN TO BRITAIN URGED

WASHINGTON (AP)—Elimination of all legal obstacles in the way of expedited aid to Great Britain was urged today by chairman Sol Bloom, Democrat, New York, of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee.

He outlined his position as the capital awaited the return of President Roosevelt, who is expected to give thorough study of all recent developments bearing on British aid when he gets back to his desk.

Bloom, advocating accelerated aid to Britain, said specifically that if Britain should desire credit for a stated purpose, he favored a change in the Johnson Act, which now bans loans or credits to a nation in default of first Great War debts.

He likewise told newsmen that it might be better, considering world conditions, "to repeal the Neutrality Act and go back to international law." Such action would permit American ships to carry supplies to Britain, and thus help ease the burden on the British merchant marine, which has lost hundreds of thousands of tons in the war at sea.

St. Mary's Guild Elects Officers

Officers of St. Mary's Men's Guild have been elected as follows: President, G. V. Cross; treasurer, C. G. Slade; vice-president, E. Simpson; secretary, P. R. Wilkinson; executive, Capt. F. G. Dexter, S. Brock, E. Stewart and T. P. Waters. Archdeacon A. E. de L. Nunn installed the newly-elected officers. Dr. W. C. Western gave an inspiring talk based on quotations from Shakespeare applicable to the present war. The guild will meet next on Thursday, January 9.

THE WEATHER

VICTORIA, 8 a.m. today—A moderate disturbance is centred off the Oregon coast and pressure is relatively high over eastern British Columbia. The weather has been fair and moderately cold throughout this province. Subzero temperature is reported in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.85; temperature, max. 40, min. 35; wind, 21 miles N.E.; clear.
 Vancouver—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, max. 34, min. 20; calm; foggy.
 Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.75; temperature, max. 40, min. 32; wind, 2 miles E.; fair.
 San Francisco—Barometer, 29.64; temperature, max. 48, min. 42; wind, 18 miles E.; precip. 38; raining.

	Max.	Min.
Victoria	40	35
Nanaimo	40	34
Vancouver	34	20
New Westminster	36	21
Prince Rupert	40	32
Dawson	0	-6
Seattle	47	26
Portland	39	33
San Francisco	48	42
Kamloops	24	20
Prince George	20	14
Kelowna	20	19
Penikese	26	22
Vernon	24	12
Neilon	26	12
Kaslo	23	13
Grand Forks	16	6
Calgary	26	6
Edmonton	22	3
Prince Albert	12	3
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Italians' Losses Grow

Correspondent Sees Vast Supplies British Captured in Egypt

By EDWARD KENNEDY
 WITH THE BRITISH FORCES
 AT SIDI BARRANI, EGYPT

(AP)—Here lies the wreckage of Mussolini's ambitious plans for the conquest of Egypt.

In this village, where the desert meets the sea and the Italians made their main stronghold in the strip of Egypt they occupied as a starting point for their invasion, and for miles around it are strewn enormous quantities of Italian supplies.

Vehicles, from carts to five-ton trucks, some of them intact and some wrecked, are lined up through the desert. Guns of all sizes, tanks, armored cars, countless cases of munitions and machinery, vast food stocks—everything a modern army needs—are here and in British hands.

(The British government announced capture of Sidi Barrani Wednesday night, after three days of fighting.)

The total material captured in Egypt is more than double that used by the British to drive the Fascists out of the country, they said.

Italian Food For Prisoners

Much of this already has been put into service by the British, mainly for the staggering job of feeding and transporting the endless lines of prisoners (of which the British said Saturday there were more than 26,000.) The rest is being sorted out.

On the shore are tow plants for distilling seawater, housed in tents big enough to cover a three-ring circus.

In the three months they occupied the region the Italians planted water pipelines along the 70-mile strip of desert and built roads, fortifications and camps. All this was labor lost, for the strip now has been wrested from



SIDI BARRANI—Unimpressive-looking is the town of Sidi Barrani, captured by the British in their blitzkrieg drive against the Italians in western Egypt. But to the British forces, the loss of Sidi Barrani is a severe blow. Seventy-five miles inside Egypt from the Libyan border, it was seized by Italy three months ago. Since then it had been the main base of operations in Marshal Graziani's plans for further invasion of Egypt.

them by the numerically weaker British forces.

Nibeiwa, 15 miles south of Sidi Barrani, fell in an hour of fighting last Monday morning and this was the key to victory. A captured Italian officer told me the fighting on this circular plateau, taken by surprise, was "the nearest thing to hell ever seen on this earth."

No Enemy Unit Able to Escape

The Italian surrender was inevitable. Not a man escaped. Then the British went on to take the east and west forts at Tummar, where stronger resistance, including a counter-attack by 12 tanks, was encountered but overcome.

That night the tired British fighters bivouacked in the desert between here and Tummar. While they rested the fleet shelled Sidi Barrani throughout the night, giving the Italians a preview of what was to come.

With the dawn the British column, made up entirely of English and Scottish regiments—started for Sidi Barrani with tanks leading the way.

Two-thirds of a mile south of the town they came under the fire of Italians entrenched on a ridge. The Fascist forces—two legions of blackshirts and a division of Libyans—outnumbered the attacking British about four to one.

Sidi Barrani was encircled at the time since another unit had cut through to the coast west of the town and another had just taken Maktila on the coast 10 miles to the east—but the attacking troops did not know this.

Ridge Taken In 7-Hour Fight

After seven hours of hard fighting, in which the British said the blackshirts fought well and inflicted considerable casualties, the

British drove them back and took the ridge at 2 p.m.

"When we got on the ridge we saw the town and the blue sea behind it and this gave us confidence," an officer said.

"But the tanks left us to make a flank attack on the Italians so we had less protection."

"We owe a lot to the R.A.F. They kept enemy planes off us for most of the time."

"Then a terrible dust storm came up and it was a blessing as the dust made us invisible to the enemy at 200 yards."

The final clean-up came yesterday when a British column marching westward along the coast arrived after having taken Maktila against strong resistance.

Wednesday, Gen. Galliano, Italian corps commander for Egypt, who was captured with his staff, asked permission to address his troops and in a pathetic speech thanked his men for their struggle.

although widespread, tapered off about midnight, a government communique in London said.

London, Liverpool Also Get Bombs

Last night's raids followed a quiet day, but the attackers roared in with the rising moon and fanned out to many parts of Britain, including London and Liverpool. The communique said there were few casualties and little damage.

Steel Centre Again Attacked

Mobile Canteens Feed Sheffield Homeless

SHEFFIELD (CP)—All available food stocks and electrical cooking apparatus were commandeered today for canteens feeding Sheffield's homeless after last night's air attack, the second of large proportions on this heart of Britain's steel industry.

The number of persons killed was described as fewer than might have been expected, but destruction of many houses added to lists of the homeless.

Mobile canteens circulated through the battered areas, supplying meals.

Sightseers added to the difficulties. Police appealed to the curious to stay away to avoid putting extra burdens on traffic control.

Hundreds of incendiary bombs were dropped in the raid, followed by high explosives in the customary pattern of air attacks, but quick work by the auxiliary fire service was said to have reduced the fire menace.

Sheffield was attacked heavily last Thursday night and victims of that raid, buried alive in air raid shelters, still were being rescued today.

The press association reported without official confirmation that two, possibly three, German bombers were shot down in the attacks on Sheffield.

The government minimized the effect of the Nazi attack, reporting casualties were "not very heavy."

The raids on Britain last night,

Aid Through France Hitler's Plan

Petain Government Faces Crisis

BERNE (AP)—The fate of conquered France's Vichy government and possibly even total Nazi occupation of her soil was believed today to depend on how the Axis takes the week-end upheaval in the cabinet of Chief of State Petain.

Hitler's representative in Paris, Otto Abetz, was expected in Vichy today to talk to Petain, according to diplomatic reports reaching Berne.

Berlin's approval of the ouster of Pierre Laval as vice-premier and Foreign Minister, observers said, may hinge on what the French Chief of State tells Abetz.

Laval Prisoner In Old Chateau

Sources here said Laval, at first reported under guard in his own home, now was rumored to be a prisoner in Chateau de Pellevoisin, along with the republican leaders who face "war guilt" charges in the impending Riom trials which Laval himself advocated.

Fears that Germany eventually might occupy all of France stemmed from Petain's reported refusal to let Germany send troops through unoccupied France to aid Italian forces in Libya and Greece. Nazi preference for a route through France, instead of through Italy, was said to be to protect Italian home morale.

Although France is a beaten nation, informed sources here pointed out, transit of troops through the unoccupied zone without Vichy's consent would involve elaborate precautions both to maintain secrecy and to protect the Nazi column from sabotage.

While railroads in the occupied zone are closely watched and partly operated by Germany, army railroads and all naval bases and ports in unoccupied France are completely in the hands of Frenchmen.

Advices from Vichy to diplomatic sources here said Petain and his ministers considered the

request, made through Pierre Laval before he was ousted as vice-premier and Foreign Minister last week, but turned it down.

It was said they looked on the request as an Axis attempt to gain a foothold on the French Mediterranean base.

Interior Minister Marcel Payrout used the word "delicate" to describe the country's position in warning newspapers to be careful in their handling of a swift-moving series of events.

These events included:

1. Announcement from Vichy that Petain intended to establish

5 Direct Hits Scored

R.A.F. Batters Duce's Fleet

CAIRO (AP)—Five direct hits on a concentration of cruisers and destroyers in a British air raid on the Italian port of Naples Saturday night were reported today in a Royal Air Force communique.

It said two Italian battleships also were attacked in the raid; but did not announce any direct hits on them.

The five hits on the smaller war vessels, the communique said, resulted in four large explosions. (An Italian communique had admitted Sunday that one warship of medium tonnage was damaged and 50 of its crew were killed or injured and that a small motor sailboat was sunk in three British air attacks on Naples Saturday night.)

The R.A.F. communique said one British bomber dumped its entire load close to a battleship, and that bomb bursts caused fires

a consultative assembly to share "certain responsibilities" with him and his ministers.

2. The long-awaited return of the remains of Napoleon Bonaparte's only son from Vienna to Paris which was said by informed sources in Vichy to have been an important factor in the crisis which led to Laval's ouster last Saturday.

The French press, giving prominence to the ceremony today, said Hitler "invited Marshal Petain to attend the solemn ceremony" but "circumstances prevented" the French leader from doing so.

on the jetty to which the big vessels were moored.

British planes also attacked Italian airdromes in the western desert yesterday and caused considerable damage in a raid on Bardia, the communique said.

Britain Launches New Warcraft

LONDON (CP)—Strengthening her forces on another front, the sea, Britain launched "a formidable addition" to the Royal Navy recently, the Press Association reported today. She was said to be a fast vessel, but nothing else about her was made public.

Earlier, a maritime source, estimating the Axis blockade was costing Britain 62,000 tons of shipping a week, said an unspecified number of destroyers were being built for convoy duty and the effort to persuade Elre to let Britain use her seaports was continuing.

He added, however, that if these efforts did not meet the challenge posed by the blockade, then Britain simply would "put guns before butter."

In 1915, England's national war expenditure amounted to \$35,000,000 a day.

Much Talking To Bolster Morale Of Italians

ROME (CP)—The Italian high command claimed today that bitter fighting was in progress in Libya and Albania against British and Greek attacks.

(Greek and British sources reported advances on both fronts.) The Italians claimed British attacks along the Egyptian-Libyan frontier were made under bombardment of Italian planes which caused heavy casualties.

The high command's communique also claimed Greek attacks along the Albanian battle-front were repulsed with "considerable" losses on both sides. Meanwhile the Italian people, told their north African forces had been driven back to Libya, waited for word whether Marshal Graziani's reserves had been able to stem the British advance.

Observers were advised to reserve judgment on the final outcome. Speculations at the time, the high command said, "would seem premature."

Italians Contend Forces Competent

The communique added, however:

"Italian forces in Libya, aided by faithful Libyan troops, are fighting with extreme courage, contending the ground with the enemy hand-to-hand."

"It is believed that Italian forces actually engaged in fighting and those large numbers which are in reserve are more than enough to meet the situation."

(This was widely at variance with observations of neutral correspondents on the spot, who reported that the Italians, except in rare instances, were no match for their British adversaries despite the fact they outnumbered them sometimes by as many as four to one.)

The high command said the fighting was centering in the district of Sollum, Fort Capuzzo and Bardia.

Gayda Talks Up Axis Sea Strength

Virginio Gayda, editor of Il Giornale d'Italia, said yesterday that with growing naval forces the Axis would carry the war against Britain to the sea in 1941. He said the German navy would be enlarged soon with the addition

tion of two powerful 35,000-ton battleships, and added that "the Italian navy, too, remains strong and ready and on the increase." He said Italy's two "great battleships" which Prime Minister Churchill "wanted to pass off as lost" soon would be "in perfect shape again."

Fascists Work Hard On Civilian Morale

An intensive campaign to reinforce civilian morale throughout northern Italy, including the country's industrial zones, in a winter "battle on the internal front" was under way following a conference held by Adelchi Serena, Fascist Party secretary, and provincial Fascist chiefs at Mussolini's home city of Forli.

Serena reported to Mussolini "assurance that blackshirts and the Italian people are unshakably decided to face any events," declaring the "absurd hopes of the enemy so far as the Italian people's resistance is concerned are and will be still more bitterly

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disappointed by facts." Intensified aid for the needy, with local Fascist headquarters to be kept open 24 hours a day, was ordered by Serena. Fascist women are to visit military hospitals and fighters' families. Fascist officials are to watch over supplies, rationing and prices, "severely suppressing any attempt at hoarding or speculation." Finally Serena expressed the belief that blackshirts would break up any anti-Fascist movement.



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Flandin For Laval

MARSHAL PETAIN EXPLAINED IN HIS broadcast on Saturday that he had "removed" M. Pierre Laval from the post of Foreign Minister "in the interest of the country" and for "high reasons of internal policy." With no more clarity he added that he had appointed M. Pierre Etienne Flandin to the vacant post because he appeared "more apt" than his predecessor; but, the aged soldier-statesman assured his people and the world, "it will make no difference in our relations with Germany."

In the relations to which Marshal Petain refers may be the key to the significance of Laval's sudden political eclipse. The former Foreign Minister could have said at any time in the last year or so that his "spiritual home" was in either Italy or Germany, or both, and that his real object in life was personal aggrandizement, no matter in what way such purpose might be served. He was one of the architects of the Hoare-Laval Pact—an early appeasing phase of British foreign policy most Britons are anxious to forget—which would have neatly carved Abyssinia before Mussolini chalked up his great military conquest. That "deal" was revealed five years ago this month. Much has happened since then; but M. Pierre Laval has not changed. Like all his ilk, however, he has reached a little too far.

Nor should it be forgotten that M. Flandin belongs to the old appealing school. He it was who sent a telegram of warm congratulations to Adolf Hitler after Czechoslovakia had undergone her operation on the carving block at Munich. There is, however, an important difference between the mental equipment of Laval and that of Flandin. The former Premier and erstwhile Foreign Minister in the Nazi-controlled government at Vichy is reputedly an intellectual genius, a master of intrigue, and utterly unscrupulous where purely private advancement is concerned. His successor—apart from his notorious belief in the totalitarian system of government—is of a much more plastic disposition, and presumably he is more readily amenable to discipline—agreeable to a recognition perhaps of those "high reasons of internal policy" noted in Marshal Petain's explanation of the change.

How much Italy's abominable showing in Albania and in the northern African desert influenced the course of political events in France last week is still a matter of speculation. Rumor is rife that Germany desired the passage of Nazi troops through unoccupied France in order that help might be sent to Mussolini's legions in Libya from French ports. To such a proposal, of course, M. Laval no doubt would have agreed; it might have sent up his stock with the All-Highest Fuehrer. But even Hitler, apparently, raised no objection to the swarthy-skinned minister's removal. Whether the Nazi chief will be satisfied with the much less colorful—but equally meek in the presence of the swastika—successor, whether he will be content with the collaboration which Marshal Petain says will not be changed, remains, as we have observed in connection with all these developments, in the speculative realm.

One evident truth which seems to emerge from the political fog at Vichy, nevertheless, is that the great bulk of the French people have taken heart as they have gradually learned of Greek and British successes—and have come to understand that the totalitarian machine is not invincible. It is quite probable the clear understanding of this change among his compatriots, coupled with the effect of Germany's idea of a "new order," is now strengthening the hand of the aged marshal. His is a difficult and thankless task. He may yet salvage something from the "mistakes" of the past.

China's Valiant Stand

WHEN SHE SPOKE OVER THE AIR TO the people of the United States recently, Madame Chiang Kai-shek, the brave wife who has sustained and encouraged China's Generalissimo through three and a half years of Japanese terrorism, painted a brief verbal picture of some of the urgent needs of her compatriots of which the following is a part:

"The temporary closing of the Burma Road has so depleted our medical supplies that major operations are still being performed without anesthetics. The sight of men and women and children being tortured in agony, and our utter helplessness to alleviate their pain, are experiences which I hope will never be known by other people."

An energetic committee in Victoria and similar organizations in other parts of Canada have been instrumental in collecting medical supplies for the people of China. Even with all the insistent demands on the public purse in these times of national stress, the response to the various appeals have been encouraging. Nor does it at all belittle these efforts when we emphasize Madame Chiang Kai-shek's evocative appeal. Since the summer of 1937 her country has been overrun by Japanese armies. China's cities have been bombed mercilessly from the air, her ports have been shelled from the sea, her women and girls have been violated by the soldiers of Nippon, hundreds of thousands and brave fighters in the Chinese ar-

mies have met death in battle or have died of wounds and disease; starvation and exposure have exacted their toll, too.

For the most part, of course, China has fought alone; she has had to contend with awful odds within her borders; she has had to grin and bear it all in the knowledge of one or two shocking truths: For three and a half years she has been defending democracy in the Orient. She has felt that the people in the English-speaking nations have never doubted this fact; but day in and day out, until recently, she has been mocked by the export to Japan of essential war materials from countries pledged to the defeat of totalitarianism—metals from Canada, for example, plus a government attitude at Ottawa fearful lest the "unguarded word" should annoy the war lords at Tokyo.

But at long last, the stark truth of Japan's designs has penetrated quarters in which still lingered the atmosphere of appeasement, and the day may not be far distant when Madame Chiang Kai-shek and her valiant husband will get all the assistance they require not only to throw out the invader but to repair all the wounds China's national life has sustained since Japan was permitted to steal Manchuria nearly 10 years ago.

More Work, More Money

THE RISING TEMPO OF CANADA'S war effort is translating itself into terms of increased employment and better business, both apparent as the year-end nears. Latest federal government figures show 350,000 more persons employed in Canada than when war began. Of these 350,000 are in industry and 200,000 in the various war services. The employment gain means a larger national wage payroll. Mr. A. E. Arcott, general manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, in his report last week placed the wage payroll gain at 30 per cent. This estimate is based on a wage index compiled by the bank in co-operation with many employers, constituting a broad cross-section from coast to coast, embracing industry, trade, logging, mining, construction and transportation. Total payroll of this group for the year 1939 was \$1,330,000,000. Using the 30 per cent rise indicated by the wage index, this would give for the year a total payroll increase of \$400,000,000. That represents the increase in the purchasing power of the Canadian people—the reason business in most lines is good and becoming better daily.

Back of it all, of course, is the rising rate of government war expenditure, now \$1,000,000,000 a year. This expenditure in turn derives from taxes and loans to the government through the purchase of bonds and savings certificates. Taxes have been increased steeply. They do not, however, provide enough to cover the expenditure. This situation points to the urgency, from a patriotic as well as from an obvious economic viewpoint, of every Canadian setting aside a proportion of his income to invest in war bonds or savings certificates. Moreover, it is good business and common sense in a period of expanded payrolls to put aside for a rainy day.

When History Stands Still

DOWN IN NEW MEXICO MANY OF THE 4,000 Navajo Indians recently registered under the United States draft law. Quite a few of the "red" men did not fully realize the pacific intent of the draft. To them it was only the queer, roundabout, paleface way of declaring war upon somebody. If so, these descendants of fighting ancestors were ready to be in it. Many of them bade fond farewell to their families. They were ready to do or die.

This recalls the yarn about some of the troops from French territories in Senegal during the last war. They had memories of experiences of ancestral kinsmen in the days when slave-hunting was rampant. As the troops, flying the French flag, moved up toward the German lines, they are reputed to have shouted: "Where are the accursed Arabs?"

On the map, the Italian boot is pointed the wrong way. That is on the assumption that the home team's stand in Albania makes it necessary to punt.

THEY SAVED THEIR SHIP

From Winnipeg Free Press

Destroyers are precious to the Empire for the convoy of ships, but more precious even than these ships are men of the calibre of the Canadian destroyer Saguenay.

They worked four and a half days to save their ship, after it had been torpedoed, and in doing this they earned the accolade of the Royal Navy. That was in the form of two words, "Well done," wireless from another destroyer in the same convoy.

When the torpedo struck and exploded, stokers on the Saguenay kept on feeding the boilers below despite the spread of flames toward the magazine. Men took their lives in their hands to move shells and depth charges to safety. Sailors turned off ventilating fans which were fanning the flames, and opened flooding valves. Others cut down the fore-topmast which threatened to crash through the forecastle. Still others formed an indomitable fire-fighting squad that conquered the blaze after a night of battling.

But a great task of seamanship lay ahead—to bring safely to port a destroyer so badly damaged that the prow was constantly under water. For this dangerous job Commander George Miles of the Saguenay used only a skeleton crew. The rest he ordered to a British ship before the slow, limping journey to haven began.

Canada mourns the loss of 21 of her sons in this engagement. They gave their lives in the service of protecting others. And Canada will also remember the saga of the men who saved their ship.

Bruce Hutchison

FROM YORKSHIRE

THE OTHER NIGHT the British Broadcasting Corporation put on the air and sent all over America a talk by a Yorkshire weaver. He seemed to represent, in his curious understanding of things far outside his occupation of weaving, the genius of the British people now undergoing its supreme test. But what interested me most was the man's account of his adventures in Victoria, B.C.

It was startling to hear your own town being discussed and analyzed by a Yorkshire weaver, speaking from BBC House in London, with the bombs dropping outside. It made you feel that Victoria was a remote place, which you had read about, but never seen. Indeed, I could not recognize the town from this man's description of it.

Why, he found us "heavenly," and when he set up a loom here and started weaving the wool from Vancouver Island sheep he said it was like weaving some ethereal tapestry in Paradise. And the people he met here, especially the old lady who was trying to learn to weave, were characters out of a historical novel, full of glamour and excitement.

I have no doubt that thousands of English people, listening to the weaver, made up their minds to come to Victoria as soon as the war is over. It is going to be a great shock to them to find such things as traffic lights in Paradise. It is going to be a shock to find slums only a block or two from the main streets, and more billboards, so the experts tell me, than in any city of similar size anywhere. And when they see that Thing on Pandora Avenue (especially when it is sore and inflamed with red lights in the evening) they are going to be pretty angry at the weaver.

Still, despite everything, I am prepared to say that the weaver is right. With the good sense of his race, he has seen something here which transcends our billboards and our Civic Blight on Pandora. He has got the feel of it better than most of us. He has got the feel of it because he couldn't stay here long and the magic doesn't fade for him under the light of common day or under the traffic lights and the pale fever of That Thing. Having spent less than 70 days here myself this year, I know how the weaver feels. It looks like Paradise when you can't stay in it. And everybody should be forced to go away somewhere else, preferably into a Winnipeg blizzard or into the windswept canyons of Chicago or the heartless jungles of New York, so that he would appreciate what Victoria is like.

GRAVE DECISION

VICTORIA is such a place, at this time of year, in the depth of winter, in the very nadir of the year, when you can go out and prune your apple trees in comfort. That is a solemn business indeed and must sober the most reckless mind. Here is responsibility and grave decision, for you have in your control, as you stand there, with shears in your hand, the whole future of a tree which will probably live longer by far than you and certainly will produce far more real wealth, and contribute more to the welfare of the race.

You stand there, regarding the infant, knowing that its whole destiny rests on your hand and shears, for if you prune it badly now, it will never recover, will never be a shapely tree, will never have a happy life. You look around at the older trees that you pruned years ago, when you had not learned the art, and you observe with horror how they are misshapen, twisted and forever crippled.

What remorse I have suffered on their account! What tears I have shed for them! How I have stared at them, fascinated by their deformity, against a red sunset! How I have rejoiced when leaves covered their horror in the summer! How I have turned from them with a shudder in the nakedness of their winter! How I have prayed for guidance in pruning the younger trees and pondered every cut, every snip of the shears! Now, when I see the youngsters coming up well-formed, strong of limb, I have a god-like feeling of accomplishment, knowing that they will be bearing apples, strong and shapely, long after I am dead.

A young fellow came out here yesterday and wanted to take a picture of me pruning my trees. I suppose he is a photographer of wild life and curious fauna and he asked me to smile for him, as if the surgeon smiles over a desperate operation! As if the teacher smiles over the guidance of the young! As if the priest smiles over a sacrament! So I cursed the photographer and drove him off and was so put out that I couldn't attempt another snip that day.

GEMS OF THOUGHT—FRIENDS

"What is a friend? I will tell you. It is a person with whom you dare to be yourself."—Frank Crane.

"There are no greater miracles known to earth than perfection and an unbroken friendship."—Mary Baker Eddy.

"There can never be deep peace between two spirits, never mutual respect, until, in their dialogue, each stands for the whole world."—Emerson.

"When friendship is settled, you must trust; before it is formed, you must pass judgment."—Seneca.

"A man that hath friends must show himself friendly; and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."—The Bible.

Parallel Thoughts

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?—Mark 8:36.

One may live as a conqueror, a king, or a magistrate; but he must die a man.—Daniel Webster.

Elmore Philpott

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

WHEN I was a boy, living in the early years of this century, Christmas was by all odds the happiest period of the year. Church-going was no ordeal, even for a minister's son. Every class in the school vied with every other class in decorations. Inside, the immense blackboards were a blaze of color, the work of the amateur artists in the room. Outside, we could always depend on a beautiful new white blanket of pure soft snow for Christmas, and the hundred-and-one harmonies of sleigh bells carried by every horse.

We could depend on Chums as the Christmas present par excellence. I do not know how many thousand books I have read in my life. Most I have read because I wanted to read them. Many I have had to read to keep up with the changing background of world affairs. But no book I ever read gave me quite the same joy as that enormous scarlet-covered volume—where none of the heroes ever got killed in spite of the fact that a miracle had to be performed at the beginning of every installment in the serial stories to rescue said heroes from the appalling fate which invariably faced them at the last line in the last paragraph of the preceding chapter.

I look back at those books now with a sort of awe. The stories literally reeked with the rottenest sort of snobbery—where it was simply taken for granted that the well-to-do public school boy was naturally a superior being. If "tradesmen's" sons appeared in the stories it was almost invariably in unfavorable parts—they were almost certain to be "bank outsiders" or greedy gluttons or something of the sort. But on the whole the stories were clean, virile and good. The articles were good, too. I can remember plunging into an ice-cold bath full of untreated Lake Ontario water—temperature about 32° degrees—because some doctor-fellow who wrote a column called "Keeping Fit," said that every boy should take an ice-cold tub every morning.

In my innocence of the impending world menace of columnists I did not even suspect that he probably was not a doctor at all, and even if so, probably never sild into any bath much colder than his afternoon tea.

CAN BOOKS BE BAD?

I have never met anyone in all my life who believed in absolute liberty of the press. No matter how broadminded any governing authority may be there is always some point at which the line must

ST. LEONARD'S

To the Editor:—Referring to Mr. C. R. Dowman's letter, while regretting that St. Leonard's, Streatham, has been damaged by Nazi church wreckers, and in no sense regarding lightly destruction to any edifice hallowed by time and association, it is, nevertheless, heartening to know that the bells of St. Clement's still ring out over Fleet Street and the Strand. Even had that old city church succumbed, the bells might have survived wreckage, and their carillon might still be heard by later generations from some other steeple. Steeples, after all, don't constitute bell music. It is the bells themselves that matter, just as it is the indomitable spirit of our fellow countrymen and women, not forgetting the children, rising triumphant from the heaped and scattered rubble of their homes that has counted so magnificently in showing an astonished world of what stern stuff Britishers are made.

I am personally indebted to your obliging correspondent for the very interesting information regarding Doctor Johnson and Mrs. Thrale.

ARTHUR WARREN
1760 Emerson Street.

DOWNRIGHT UNFRIENDLY

From New York Herald Tribune
The opportunity provided Japan by the German conquest of Holland and France, and by the British, German and Italian involvement in a life-and-death struggle, is a glittering one; but it cannot take on its full golden lustre while the American battle fleet is based on Hawaii and is forever going out on secret manoeuvres for periods that might bring it into Japanese waters if the Japanese battle fleet were off on some such gorgeous adventure as, let us say, the reduction of the Singapore base.

Japan cannot contemplate any really big killing in the East without major naval support; and the navy cannot divert much strength from home defence while the battle fleet of a critical United States plays all around in mid-Pacific.

So every one can see that it is confoundingly unfriendly of us, irksome almost to the fighting point in fact, to acquire British bases in the Atlantic which enable us to keep that battle fleet in the Pacific.

be drawn. In this age, as in every other, a flood of pornographic literature permitted in any city or country was about as sure a symptom of impending disintegration as anything could be.

Yet for every mistake that authorities have made in not banning too-bad literature they have made ten thousand on the other side.

Suppression almost invariably defeats its own object in any case. There is a book called "Guilty Men," by someone who calls himself "Cato," which is legally published in the United States (Stokes), as well as in England. In Britain the government specifically denied in Parliament that the book was banned. Yet the wholesale booksellers combine will not handle it. The Canadian publishers have thought it best not to touch it.

The result is that everybody wants to read it. And the fact that that apart from the rapier-like swiftness of its style it is not very valuable. Everything that could have been said about the stupidity of appeasement had been said before. Everybody knew that history had proved Churchill right and his 15 chief opponents wrong. Then why try to stop people from reading a mere summing up of all that?

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

I read the pamphlet thrown around the other Sunday morning from Atlantic to Pacific. It is called "The End of the Nazis." Police in every city and town in Canada have been forced to scout around to find who was throwing the leaflets about. Frankly I cannot see what all the hullabaloo is about. It is true that the organized religions are attacked—not only the Catholic but all other religions down to and including Alme MacPherson's ecclesia. A fellow named Luther did that too. Also one John Huss. The point is that for years before the war these same people were saying and doing the same things they are now doing. I used to buy 10-cent booklets from one old lady who came around selling them because she so obviously had bunions that I thought she must believe her stuff or she would be sitting down at home.

How many people would have read "The End of the Nazis" had not there been the frantic attempt to suppress it? In my opinion, not 1 per cent as many as did read it.

It is silly stuff, for the most part. But an altogether false official emphasis put upon it might convince many people that this war was being fought to end the Jehovah's Witnesses, and not the Nazis.

ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT HERE

To the Editor:—One could not help being impressed by the remarks of the Hon. Herbert Morrison in his reference to the coming equalization of social and economic conditions in Britain.

No doubt there is room for this very thing in our own midst. The writer has had this impression on him in the last few days by three different cases that came to his notice.

One, an old-age pensioner, trying to supplement the meagre income by peddling some small articles on which he could make a profit of 2 cents each. For this, he was brought before the inquisition and he simply told them that some days he could make 40 or perhaps 50 cents; omitting to say that many days he made not a cent. He was docked \$8 per month.

Another case of a man in his 80th year who was docked \$4 per month, and this month an additional \$4 which he had been overpaid before.

Another instance of a widow who toils and slaves with her hands and pen to make out a very meagre existence until sometimes she is hardly able to drag herself around. She lacks of one year of the age to get the pension.

Is it any wonder that people are seeing red, and particularly at this season of the year when some are enjoying fat salaries and pensions, and these men are expected to "Hall the Son of Righteousness" on \$12 a month while it is doubtful if the widow is able to make that amount?

Let us hope, sir, that an improvement in these conditions is not far away.

AARON PARFITT.
1421 Grant Street.

50 YEARS AGO

From Toronto Star
A 50 Years Ago item in the Montreal Gazette tells of an annual meeting of the Montreal street railway at which a shareholder suggested that stops be made at street corners. But "Mr. Forget explained that a passenger must be taken on or let off wherever he wished, and if a driver did not stop the car for this purpose the company could be sued." What confusion there would be nowadays if a rule like that were to apply.

SPENCER FOODS

TUESDAY VALUES

MEATS, AS CUT IN CASE — Cash and Carry					
Pork Chops		Pork Steak		Fresh Spare Ribs	
Per lb.	22c	Per lb.	18c	Per lb.	15c
Chopped Suet		Stew Beef		Pickled Pork	
Per lb.	12c	2 lbs. 28c		Per lb.	19c
Fresh Pork Liver		Small Hearts		Oxford Sausage	
Per lb.	13c	Per lb.	10c	Per lb.	11c
Veal Steak		Fresh Pork Kidneys		Shoulder Steak	
Per lb.	18c	Per lb.	15c	Per lb.	15c
Pure Lard		Sliced Bacon — Unsmoked,		Hunter's Cheese	
Per lb.	6c	½ lb.		½ lb.	13c
Dry Salt Pork		Pride Mincemeat		Cottage Cheese	
Per lb.	18c	Per lb.	13c	Per lb.	10c
Sliced Side Bacon		Sliced Bologna		Medium Cheese	
½ lb.	15c	½ lb.	7c	Per lb.	25c

SERVICE MEATS — DELIVERED

Livers—Beef, lb., 20¢; Calf, lb., 22¢	42¢
Point Steak, lb., 45¢; Pork Tenderloin, lb., 28¢	29¢
Steaks—Round, lb., 28¢; T-bone, Sirloin, lb., 30¢	30¢

Little Pig Sausage	Per lb. 18c	Minced Round Steak, lb.	22c	Kidney Suet Chopped, lb.	13c
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SOLDIERS AND CHRISTMAS

To the Editor: An article in the Lillooet and Bridge River News says:

"The hullabaloo raised to incite sympathy of soldiers' dependents to force the hand of the government to utilize otherwise hard-earned tax money from its proper course in war-winning to bring all the soldiers home for Christmas is not good enough. A good many of these husbands, sweethearts and lads have not been away from home six months yet. They all went of their own accord. They walked out on what ever obligations were waiting at home and let someone else carry on. That is all right. We give them full credit. But they are, at that, pretty well off. If we are as a strong nation ever going to harden up the soft, cake-eating youth that our last few years of over-indulgent education and slothful modes of living have developed, we had better begin by letting those lads sink their teeth into the training as fast and as soon as it is possible to do so. The soldiers of Canada, who are well and able, should not want to come home, if they really meant this business of enlisting."

At Valcartier, where I am stationed, this item is read with anger and resentment. I shall go so far as to say that such propaganda is an incitement to troops making for discontent, and the writer of it may be committing an offence against D.O.C.R.

It is only a kindly human desire that prompts our folks out west to have us at home for Christmas, and we all appreciate their efforts on our behalf. Whatever the military demand of us we shall do with a good heart, but nevertheless our thoughts are with our dear ones out west in these sad, cake-eating days.

The cake-eating youth, as referred to, are at least in uniform. Also, thousands of these same lads in years gone by walked our streets, desolate and hungry. That they have donned the uniform is to their honor. I am a veteran of the last war and I am proud and glad to be a soldier again with such splendid men.

T. THOMSON.
(Of 230 Moss St., Victoria)
Valcartier Camp, Quebec.

Better English

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Watch out or you will fall down and hurt yourself."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "excess?"

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Zephyr, cipher, philosopher.

4. What does the word "appurtenance" mean.

5. What is a word beginning with "eff" that means "impudence?"

ANSWERS

1. Omit down. 2. Accent last syllable, not the first as so often heard. 3. Zephyr. 4. That which belongs to something. "There was a bed with all its appurtenances of mattresses, pillows and covers." 5. Effrontery.

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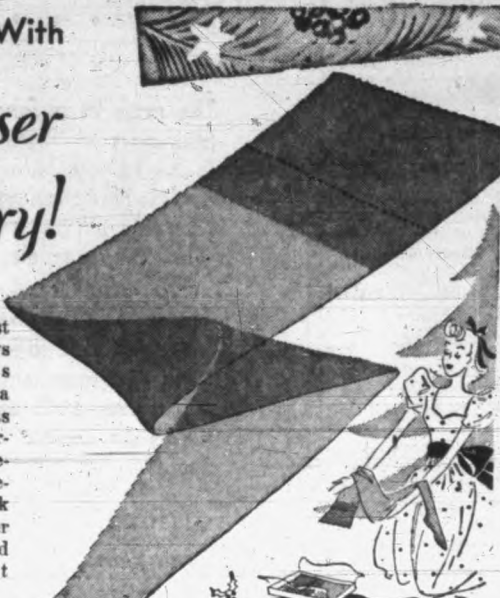
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Dorcas secretary, Mrs. J. Finch, and her assistants had raised \$10 through the sale of quilts, to be donated as an extra to the Dorcas Dorcas Department. Miss Henley gave an interesting chapter from the study book "Conflict." Rev. Cyril Venables gave a most inspiring devotional address on the "Meaning of Christmas." He asked that we cease to use Christmas as an "objective" festival and prepare to realize Christmas, 1940, as a great and vital experience.

Presentation of a Yukon Diocesan Life Membership to Mrs. French, formerly of Yukon Diocese, now of Mill Bay, was made by Mrs. F. Brimer on behalf of the president and members of Yukon Diocese.

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Santa Claus received a rousing welcome from nearly 400 kiddies when he appeared to the jingle of sleigh bells at the annual children's Christmas tea at the Empress Hotel on Saturday afternoon. Held under the auspices of the Junior Auxiliary to St. Joseph's Hospital, the affair was an outstanding success, both socially and financially, and the various items on the program were greeted with applause and laughter from the hundreds of boys and girls who sat around the attractively arranged tea tables in the ballroom and foyer.

CHARMING DANCERS

Two huge Christmas trees, glittering with tinsel icicles and colored ornaments flanked the orchestra platform on which charmingly costumed little pupils of the Wynne Shaw School of Dancing presented a delightful program. The opening number was a ballet, "Little Fairies and the Silver Elf," with Murray McIntosh as the silver elf. The fairies, Ann Murphy, Margaret Jeffries, Gayle Webster and Sally Laundry, were dressed in dainty pink ballet frocks with transparent wings. The "Three Little Kittens," a tap dance by Carol Anne Graham, Lorraine Hawkins and Diana Bradley as frisky black kittens; "Happy Little Hollanders," with Betty Jamieson, Elizabeth Hardin, and Anne Henderson as the boys, and Gillian Watson, Margaret Jeffries and Jeannette Paterson as the girls, and "Wood Nymphs," with Corinne Moore, Sheila Beckwith, Beverley Luff and Patsy Sparks taking part, all were enthusiastically applauded.

During the dance program, Irene Gray sang "Road to Kerry" and "Little Fella," and Little Diana Bradley appealed to the tiny tots as well as the adults in the singing "Wish Me Luck" and "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town."

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William Harkness, the Canadian Houdini, thrilled the youngsters with a series of mystifying tricks which soon brought a crowd of wide-eyed boys and girls around the edge of the platform.

After tea and the distribution of the special prizes, Santa Claus and his helpers distributed balloons to the delight of the children. Members of the committee, Mrs. W. G. Harold (general convener), Mrs. Edith Bayer, Mrs. Dunn, Misses Ruth Wadlow, Patricia Walsh, Evelyn Hudson and Rhoda Goward, appeared as Santa Claus' helpers, also Miss Joan Hall, Miss Gladwyn Beasley and Miss Nan Eve, and the president of the auxiliary, Miss Bernadette Colbert.

Mr. Sidney Thomas enacted the role of Santa Claus with an exuberance which made a great hit with the children, many of whom seized the opportunity of telling him their wishes for Christmas.

Troops Entertained At Sunday 'Y' Tea

Navy, army and air force personnel, about 50 in number, were guests at the Y.W.C.A. on Sunday afternoon for high tea at 5 o'clock, followed by a musical program. The Girls' Hi-Y Club were hostesses and Miss Kay Shute, president, announced the numbers. Those contributing to the program included Bob Luxton and Miss Maxine High, vocal duets and solos, with Miss Vera Critchard, who also gave piano selections, as accompanist. Amusing monologues were contributed by Mrs. H. S. J. Reynolds and Albert Denoni gave several groups of lively acrobatic numbers. Miss Charlotte Crawford led jolly sing-songs, accompanied at the piano by Miss Winnie Baxter. Others assisting during the afternoon and evening were Dr. Olga Jardine, Mrs. Walter Walker, Miss Kathleen Fitzgerald and Miss Winnie Graham, adviser of the Grad Club.

Announcements were given of the various activities for the forces, to be sponsored by the Y.W.C.A. during the holiday season, including the bi-monthly dance to be held at the Shrine Hall tonight at 8.30. Fred Pitt's orchestra will be present and Jim McCague will be the genial M.C. Refreshments will be served.

Victoria Purple Star Lodge, L.O.B.A., 104, will hold their business meeting on Wednesday evening at 8. Installation of officers.

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HUSBAND-FLIER MISSING—Alone in a third-floor room of a Toronto boarding house sits the bride of L.A.C. L. C. Hopton, awaiting word about her husband whose wrecked plane was found in a swamp near Camp Borden Saturday. Her secret marriage to the young Saskatchewan airman was revealed only after his disappearance, December 12, during formation flight in a snowstorm over Camp Borden. They're shown above. It was the second time in a week that tragedy struck in that room, for Mrs. Hopton's room-mate was her girlhood chum, the young wife of L.A.C. Stewart Ogilvie, who was killed, December 7, when his plane crashed near Schomberg. Both marriages were secret, because of R.C.A.F. rules that an airman may wed only with the permission of his commanding officer.

Social and Personal

Mrs. A. B. Southon, Esquimalt, has been visiting her parents at Qualicum.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. McLean of Courtenay are on a three weeks' vacation in Victoria.

Li-Colonel J. R. Kingham is expected home next week-end from Debert Camp, Nova Scotia, to spend the Christmas holidays with his family.

The Misses Jean and Grace Campbell entertained informally at the tea hour on Friday and Saturday afternoon at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alastair Campbell, Uplands Road.

Brentwood College boys who left for Vancouver on Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with their respective parents included Dick Whitall, Peter Chervinsky, John Schinbein, Douglas Belyea, Paul Wright and Ted Blyea.

Mrs. Ian Douglas has returned to her home, "Thrive Farm," Mount Newton, after spending some weeks with her husband, Lieut. Ian Douglas, R.C.N.V.R., at present stationed in eastern Canada. Mrs. Douglas arrived Saturday by Trans-Canada airliner.

Mrs. Alan Morkill, Pemberton Road, went over to Vancouver to meet her husband, Lieut. Alan Morkill, on his arrival today from camp in Nova Scotia to spend his Christmas leave here. Lieut. Rupert Guthrie, also of the 16th Canadian Scottish, C.A.S.F., returned with him from the east to join Mrs. Guthrie here for the holiday season.

Miss Muriel Tolputt was hostess recently to the members of the Chishlers' Bridge Club. Dainty refreshments were served and prizes were won by Mrs. Mary Fieldhouse and Miss Ruth Bennett. Members present were: Misses Emma Mutch, Peggy Mott, Muriel Tolputt, Irene Wallace, Mrs. Florrie Auchterlonie and Mrs. Robert Stewart. The guests of the evening were Mrs. M. Fieldhouse and Miss Ruth Bennett. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. F. Auchterlonie, Colville Road.

Members of the Victoria Golf Club have completed plans for a dance to be held at the clubhouse New Year's Eve. A five-piece orchestra has been engaged and a hot supper will be served. Favors and novelties will be distributed. A limited number of tickets are available at the secretary's office. In charge of arrangements are Miss Jean Lennox, Miss Valerie Kennedy Smith, Messrs. Arthur Ross, G. H. Simmons and Charles Heisterman.

In honor of her niece, Miss Jessie Clark, formerly of North Battleford, Sask., Mrs. M. J. McCabe, Oscar Street, entertained Wednesday evening at a miscellaneous shower. On the arrival of the bride-to-be Miss Madonna McCabe presented her with a corsage of red carnations, also the various gifts, which were concealed in a large Christmas cracker. During the evening games were played, the prizes being won by Mrs. E. Hume. Later refreshments were served from a table covered with a cutwork cloth, centred with chrysanthemums and red tapers. Mrs. E. J. Clark presided at the coffee urn. The invited guests were Mesdames E. J. Clark, C. F. Clark, E. Hume, "Mickey" White, J. Massie, S. Showers, E. Lane, G. Dobbin, A. H. Hill, Arthur Hill and Lawrence Hill, Misses Jessie Clark, Irene Hill and Madonna McCabe.

Mr. and Mrs. Eden Qualinton, formerly of Victoria, were among the 700 guests at the "Night in Monte Carlo" party staged by Friends of Britain at the Washington Athletic Club, Seattle, on Saturday evening. The affair was a huge success and with the proceeds a new Spitfire plane, to be named "Victor McLagen" will be on its way to Britain shortly, the committee announced.

Miss Vera James, who is to be married to Mr. J. Robert Doherty in Trail on December 21, was the guest of honor when Mrs. C. Rasmussen, Rudlin Street, entertained at a miscellaneous shower on Friday evening. On her arrival the guest of honor was presented with a corsage bouquet of red and white carnations. In compliment to the groom-to-be, the pretty gifts were concealed in a miniature department store, brightly illuminated and decorated in pink and rose. An enjoyable evening was spent playing games, winners being Miss Ruth Belcher and Mrs. D. Pearce. A buffet supper was served later from an attractively arranged table, covered with a lace cloth and centred with a silver bowl of autumn flowers and lighted by matching tapers. The invited guests were Mesdames S. James, F. Doherty, L. Parsons, F. Robe, M. Sneed, E. H. Groom, H. Wilkinson, D. Pearce, W. A. Roper, W. Eden, G. Knight, G. Gaetz, A. Doherty, C. Gaetz, J. Doherty, A. Irish, A. Belcher, H. Jones, and Misses Marjorie Parsons, Flossie Robe, Peggy Groom, Ruth Belcher, Dorothy Groom, Lorna and Phyllis Irish, Thyra and Thelma Gaetz and Master Billy Gaetz.

Miss Virginia Mae Norris, popular "December bride-to-be," was the guest of honor when Mrs. Hugh Clarke, 3112 Quadra Street, entertained at a delightfully arranged shower on Saturday evening. On her arrival Miss Norris received a corsage bouquet of pink and white carnations from Miss Bernice Davey, and later found many attractive gifts concealed in a wishing-well, decorated in the prevailing color scheme of pink and white. Miss Eileen Clarke's piano solos and Mrs. G. Davey's singing of the solo, "Because," added much to the pleasure of the evening. A buffet supper was served in the dining-room from a table centred with a silver basket of pink and white snapdragons, from which pink and white streamers were carried to the four corners of the table. Assisting the hostess in serving were Mrs. K. Cunningham-Moore, Mrs. G. Davey, Mrs. B. Dalzell, and the Misses Eileen Clarke and Bernice Davey. Other guests included Mesdames R. Wiley, A. Norris, R. Spouse, A. Clarke, J. Olson, A. Adams, E. Day, E. Wiley, E. Harston and O. Randy, and the Misses Margaret Chln, Grace and Jean Adams, Agnes Finn and Margaret Boseley.

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A drive has been started for new members. Anyone who is confirmed and is between the ages of 14 and 18 is welcome to join. The next meeting will be a Christmas social on December 21 at 8 in the Memorial Hall.

Weddings

NIELSEN-GARDINER

The marriage of Janet, youngest daughter of Mrs. A. Gardiner, 206 Menzies Street, Victoria, and the late Mr. Alexander Gardiner, to Mr. Boe M. Nielsen, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Nielsen of Vancouver, took place quietly at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. Hugh McLeod, Belmont Avenue, on Saturday evening at 8. The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. C. Whitfield of Britannia Beach, B.C., brother-in-law and sister of the bride.

After the service a family reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Gardiner, Emerson Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Nielsen will make their home in Vancouver.

WILSON-JONES

By the light of six cathedral tapers in silver candelabra on a miniature altar arranged with a centerpiece of white chrysanthemums and silver leaves, the marriage of Miss Bessie Mattie Jones, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jones of 1278 Basil Street, Victoria, to Sergeant Robert Bruce Wilson of the U.S. National Guard, Camp Murray, Wash., took place in the rose and gold room of the Hotel Winthrop, Tacoma, on Saturday evening at 7.30. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Albert Wilson of Nevada City, Cal.

Rev. Harold Long of the Presbyterian Church performed the ceremony, and the bride was given in marriage by her father. She was radiant in a floor-length gown of delphinium blue crepe, with silver mesh belt and silver slippers, wearing a halo of bouvardia in her hair. She carried a casual bouquet of pink rosebuds and bouvardia.

Miss Verena de Blaquiere of Victoria, was the attractive bridesmaid, wearing a floor-length gown of salmon crepe trimmed with gold, gold slippers and a corsage bouquet of lily of the valley and violets. Sgt. Ralph T. Dahl of Camp Murray was groomsmen.

After the ceremony, Mrs. Jones, mother of the bride, received the guests in a floor-length gown of black crepe, with black hat and a corsage bouquet of white gardenias. The buffet supper was served at the hotel from a long table covered with a lace cloth and centred with the two-tiered wedding cake surmounted by a silver bell, and flanked by six tall white tapers in silver candlesticks.

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Van Houten and Miss Una Rose Van Houten of Portland, Ore., Miss Irene Van Houten of Olympia, Wash., and Miss Ellen Wood of Port Alberni, V.I.

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crepe and velvet, trimmed with white angora, a small matching hat and a corsage bouquet of pink rosebuds. Mr. Lorne Elsdon supported his brother.

The reception, for relatives only, was held at the home of the bridegroom's parents. After a honeymoon on the mainland, the young couple will reside in Victoria.

Eileen Howe Heads Juvenile Lodge

Princess Margaret Rose Lodge, No. 40, Daughters of England Juveniles held a Christmas tree and supper in the S.O.E. Hall. About 40 sat down to a hot supper, convened by Mrs. Wiseman, and each member was given a present from the Christmas tree by the worthy district deputy, Mrs. Bridges, who spoke a few words of encouragement to the members. After supper, election of officers for the coming year took place, Barbara McVie, president, in the chair, assisted by the advisory president, Mrs. E. Swan. The following were elected: President, Eileen Howe; vice-president, Doris Rawnsley; chaplain, Cathy Skinner; first guide, Clare Fyfe; second guide, Florence Vincent; third guide, Evelyn McLaren; fourth guide, Marjorie Ann Fyfe; fifth guide, Lorna Latham; sixth guide, Rose Marie Barber; inside guard, Betty Leggett; outside guard, Audrey Latham; pianist, Dorothy Vincent. Before going home each member received a packet of candy and oranges. The next meeting will be held on January 22, when the newly-elected officers will be installed.

St. Matthias' A.Y.P.A. met on Wednesday evening with the president, Muriel Malcolm, in the chair. Final arrangements were made for the party to be held next Wednesday. The Sunday school Christmas treat was also discussed. Archdeacon Cornish initiated 14 new members after the business session.

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Musical Art Groups Gave Yule Program

The juvenile branch, Intermediate branch and auxiliary group of the Victoria Musical Art Society combined forces for their joint Christmas program held on Saturday afternoon in the Truth Centre hall. Mrs. E. W. Hetherington, president of the parent body, brought a brief message of appreciation and encouragement to the young members, and Miss Phyllis Hick, a member of the Intermediate group, was warmly congratulated on her recent success in winning a scholarship in the Royal School of Music, London.

The program, arranged by Vera Wood, opened with the carol, "O Come All Ye Faithful," sung by the whole assembly. The juvenile members taking part included Joyce Hensley in piano solos; Betty Townsend in vocal selections; Irene Collie, violin solos, with Lorraine Cornish at the piano. Intermediates: Piano solo, Netta Hunter; vocal trio, Lavola Edwards, Joan Dowling and Mary Martin, accompanied by Betty Hemmingsen; string ensemble, Phyllis Hick, Reta Nevard and Bernard Hick; monologues by Ilace Roskelley and Joy Groves; vocal solos, Peggy Butterfield, accompanied by Margaret Hubbard; carols, "Hark the Herald Angels" and "Three Kings."

The auxiliary's group include piano solos by Lois Hamblett, vocal solo by Sheila Akenhead, accompanied by Frank Moore, cello solo, Nancy Kyle, accompanied by Rae Millar. Mrs. R. D. McCaw and Miss Beatrice Griffin, conveners of the groups, were present. Announcement was made of the dance to be held on January 4 in the K. of P. Hall. The president, Eddie Hulford, has been a patient in the Vancouver General Hospital since September, and the announcement that he is better and would be at the next meeting was received with applause. Refreshments were served at the close of the program under the convener of Sylvia Grist and Holly Greer.

Social and Personal

Mrs. W. Lyle, Menzies Street, left yesterday afternoon for Vancouver to bid farewell to her nephew, Mr. Kenneth Ackroyd, who has left to join the Air Force in the east. While in Vancouver Mrs. Lyle will stay with her sister, Mrs. I. Ackroyd.

Yesterday afternoon at her home on Juno Street, Mrs. May Crowe was hostess at the tea hour in compliment to Miss Sadie Smith, whose marriage to Mr. Wellington Robert Pringle, R.C.N., will take place this month. On her arrival, the guest of honor was presented with a corsage of pink carnations by Miss Vicky Crowe, and later was made the recipient of an electric toaster, the gift of the assembled guests. Tea was served from a table covered with a crepe paper cloth symbolic of Christmas, and centred with berries holly flanked with lighted red tapers in silver candlesticks. Mrs. M. Crowe and Miss May McBeth presided at the tea table. The guests included Miss Sadie Smith, Mrs. B. Smith, Mrs. K. Robertson, Mrs. M. McColl, Mrs. L. Crystal, Mrs. M. Stewart, Mrs. L. Styles, Mrs. J. McLean, Mrs. J. Gagnon, Mrs. Gagnon Jr., Mrs. T. Hartley, Mrs. E. McLeod, Mrs. J. Scott, Mrs. J. Stewart, Mrs. McGraith and the Misses L. Harper, Vicky Crowe, Lillian Smith, Emily Spencer and Marjorie Hall.

Miss Vera James, whose marriage to Mr. John Robert Doherty will take place in Trail on December 21, will leave tomorrow afternoon for the interior city, and will be accompanied by Mrs. Fred Doherty, mother of the bridegroom-elect. In honor of Miss James, Mrs. Doherty last evening at her home on Gladstone Avenue held a pre-nuptial reception, at which many guests were informally entertained, and at which the many wedding gifts were displayed.

Music formed the evening's amusement, community singing being interspersed with vocal solos rendered by Mrs. N. Bertucci, who also acted as accompanist for the community singing. A delicious supper was served from a table covered with a lace cloth and centred with a bowl of white chrysanthemums, flanked with lighted primrose tapers in silver holders.

W.A. No. 65 to Typographical Union No. 201, held their monthly meeting on Friday afternoon. Report of the local council was read and tea returns added to the funds. Squares for an Afghan were donated and a meeting will be held at Mrs. P. J. Woodley's, Wellington Avenue, on Wednesday evening, to complete the making.



FOR CAMPUS HUSBANDS—There's a happy hunting ground for house-broken husbands just off the University of Toronto campus. It came into being five years ago, under the name of "Campus Co-operative Residence, Inc.," and has grown until this year the men who do their own housekeeping had to take two large homes. At bottom it's a money-saving system, but the boys are so proud of their ability at dusting and sweeping and waiting on tables that they frequently invite co-eds in to show them how it's done.

Y.W.C.A. Busy on Christmas Plans

The Board of Directors of the Young Women's Christian Association met on Friday afternoon at the Y.W.C.A., with Dr. Olga Jardine in the chair.

Report of the girls' work was given by Mrs. Ross Crane, the convener, who made mention of the varied activities of the girls in their clubs. The ceremony of the "Hanging of the Greens" will be held on Thursday, December 19, to which all girls and others interested in the work of this department are invited, at 8 p.m.

Mrs. John Baxter, convener of the Travelers' Aid and Social Work Department, reported that November had been a busy month for Miss Russell. Plans for the annual Christmas dinner for the older women in Victoria are now completed, and the dinner will be held on December 21 at the Y.W.C.A. Invitations have been sent out and a program is being planned. Mrs. Brand reported that plans had been made for the Christmas season. The house girls' dinner will be held on December 23. On Christmas Day dinner will be served at 1 p.m. and reservations may be made up to December 21, telephoning G 7179.

Miss Exham, War Services secretary, reported on the work of the Hostess House at Sidney, to serve the men of the Patricia Bay Air Force Camp. Work is going ahead rapidly, and it is planned to have the Hostess House available for the use of the men, their relatives and friends for the Christmas season. Donations of furnishings have been received and these are very much appreciated. Easy chairs, lamps and dishes are still needed and should anyone be able to help with these, or lend them for the "duration" they would be gratefully received.

FOR MEN OF FORCES

Mrs. Jardine reported on the new "clearing committee" which has been set up on the request of the Auxiliary Services. Mrs. D. McAdie has been asked to act as chairman of this committee, and any persons wishing to entertain men of the forces at dinner or for the evening are requested to telephone E 3412, giving full information of their invitation. Volunteers will be at the phone from Monday to Friday inclusive, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and will make necessary contacts with the men and advise the hostesses. It is hoped also that young peoples' groups and organizations wishing to entertain groups of men will clear their invitation with our workers.

Mrs. Jardine also reported that Mrs. K. O. Wright had been asked to convene a committee for health education. Plans will be made early in the new year for a series of lectures on nutrition, social health etc.

The nominating committee for the annual meeting was appointed as follows: Mrs. John Baxter, convener; Mrs. F. A. Lindsay and Mrs. Walter Walker. It was decided to hold a luncheon on January 21, at 1.15 p.m., when it is hoped all members and those interested in the work of the association will be present.

Daughters of St. George, Princess Patricia Lodge 238, will meet in the K. of C. Hall on Friday at 8 p.m. All social activities will be postponed until January, owing to the passing of late Sister E. Latham. The president will draper the charter.

Clubwomen's News

Lodge Princess Alexandra No. 18, Daughters of England, will meet on Thursday at 7.30. At the close of the meeting a social will take place. Drill practice is arranged for Tuesday at 2.15 p.m.

Came Rebekah Lodge, No. 45, I.O.O.F., will hold a Christmas party after the regular meeting on Thursday next in the Odd Fellows Hall, Douglas Street. All members are requested to bring a small gift, and will in return receive one. Refreshments will be served.

The Presbyterian executive of the W.M.S. of the United Church will meet in First United Church parlors on Friday, December 20, at 2.30 p.m. Mrs. C. A. Fields will lead the devotional. A large attendance of members and friends is requested as final arrangements for the annual meeting will be made.

St. Paul's branch of the W.A. held their annual meeting in the Guild Room. Reports showed a successful year. Election of officers for the ensuing year was as follows: Honorary president, Mrs. C. E. Lloyd; president, Mrs. R. Narracott; vice-president, Mrs. W. E. A. Barclay; second vice-president, Mrs. J. Kennedy; secretary, Mrs. H. C. Silburn; treasurer, Mrs. B. T. Derry; correspondent secretary, Mrs. J. Maynard; educating secretary, Mrs. C. Lyon; Dorcas secretaries, Mrs. R. Rossiter and Mrs. J. E. McDonald; extra cent, Mrs. L. Howe; Little Helpers, Mrs. A. Crane and Mrs. Price; prayer partner, Mrs. J. Kennedy; J. V. Message, Mrs. A. Draper; Thankoffering, Mrs. P. Going.

The Young Women's Mission Circle of the Emmanuel Baptist Church met recently at the home of Mrs. T. R. Main, 3003 Foul Bay Road. Mrs. Wm. Russell gave an interesting talk on "Home Missions," with a detailed account of the work of the Jackson Avenue Mission in Vancouver, which is supported by the Baptist Board of British Columbia. Christmas gifts for the children of Jackson Avenue Mission were presented. Mrs. H. B. Clark, the president, was in the chair. It was decided to assist with the supper for the Sunday School children on Monday, December 30. The program concluded with a Christmas vespers service led by Miss Lillian Parfitt, with incidental music by Mrs. Norris Harwood, Mrs. H. Clark, Mrs. J. Walters, with Mrs. A. H. Thomas accompanying. Supper was served by the hostess at the close of the evening.

A.O.F. juveniles held their annual banquet and concert on Friday evening in the A.O.F. Hall. Nine new members were initiated. During the meeting the past secretary, Cecil Davies, was presented with a gift of appreciation from the members. Those who took part in the program, arranged by Miss Eileen Lang, were Betty Cameron, Dorothy Smith, Dorie Nunn, Doreen McManus, Valerie and Margaret Brown, Diana Kerslake, Ilace Roskelley, Edna Middleton, Shirley Jackson, Nora Rushworth, Joan Buckingham and Helen McLeod, Billy Graham, Raymond Clark, Stephen Machaud, Ubaldo Levasseur, Billy Sims, and Pipers Alex Oliphant and Donald Gower. Mrs. Kerslake was the accompanist. Each member was presented with a bag of candy and an orange. The Ever-Ready girls were responsible for the concert; President Mr. Holmwood and Mr. Johnson were responsible for the Christmas tree and the decorations, and the ladies of the committee for the banquet. Juveniles' next meeting will be held on Friday, January 10, with nomination and the banquet. The juveniles' next meeting of the Ever-Ready girls will be on Monday, January 6.

Red Cross Refutes 5th Column Lie

Rumors are reaching Red Cross headquarters that supplies made in the workrooms in this district are being sold. This is untrue, and is probably fifth column activity for the purpose of discrediting the work of Red Cross. It cannot be too plainly stated that the Canadian Red Cross Society does not sell any of its supplies; it distributes free of charge the gifts entrusted to it by its supporters. The co-operation of the public is requested in tracing these false reports, and all evidence, sent to the local secretary, Col. R. S. Worsley, 605 Courtney Street, will be carefully examined.

The hon. treasurer of Red Cross acknowledges the following amounts: Employees of Yarrow Ltd., monthly collection, \$83; Loyal Eight Bridge Club, \$3; North Saanich and Sidney unit (additional), \$81.25; Victoria Rugby Union, proceeds from rugby games, \$50; Anon, for purchase of Indian sweaters for minesweepers, \$50; Lake Hill unit, proceeds from bridge party, etc., \$65; Victoria Police Mutual Benefit Association (additional), \$100; Victoria subdivision of the Catholic Women's League (additional), \$12.50; Victoria Music Teachers' Association, proceeds from recent concert, \$38; group of eight, for air raid suffers, \$50; from a "Britisher" in Venezuela, South America (additional), \$25.

SOLDIER GRATEFUL

Letters of appreciation from overseas soldiers for extra comforts are constantly arriving at Red Cross headquarters. The following has recently come to hand: "Just a line of acknowledgment and appreciation for the gift of cigarettes and magazines sent by your society. I cannot express my feeling of joy on finding the cigarettes because I was absolutely without, and my pennies were nil. Once again I thank you, and I sincerely hope other members of the forces appreciate your kindness as much as I."

BOMBED FAMILIES

For those desirous of obtaining information regarding bombed or evacuated families in Great Britain, Red Cross is informed that such may be secured from the London Council Social Service, 7 Bayley Street, London W.C.1, England.

CADBORO BAY UNIT

At the meeting next Wednesday of the Cadboro Bay unit the president will have an additional supply of materials and members are asked to take a double quantity of homework as there will

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be no meetings till January 8 owing to the holidays. The need for dispatching clothes is becoming more and more urgent and it is hoped that January 8 will will see a big consignment ready for shipment. There are more than 3,000 species of ants in the world. A change can be produced in a single living cell by changing its environment, says a zoologist who has been experimenting with single cells.

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Logger Injured

SHAWNIGAN LAKE—Blaney Clarke, logging contractor, suffered painful injuries when the gravel bank he was preparing to dynamite collapsed upon him. He was almost completely buried and when his fellow workers dug him out they found he was suffering from a broken arm and numerous cuts and bruises. He was taken to Duncan hospital.

The Clarke Logging Company have purchased a stand of timber between Cobble Hill and Hillbank and are building a road into this timber. The bank from which they were getting gravel for this purpose showed signs of falling and Clarke was preparing to dynamite it to make it safe for working.

GARDEN CITY

The annual meeting of Garden City United Women's Association was held at the parsonage, Glyn Road, Mrs. A. P. Fryatt presiding. Reports were presented by the secretary, Mrs. W. Armstrong, and the treasurer, Mrs.

W. Hoy, the latter stating that \$250 had been raised throughout the year. Arrangements were made to forward a box of supplies to the United Church Marine Mission as carried on by Rev. U. Laite, Bamfield. The following officers were elected for the year: President, Mrs. W. P. Brown; vice-president, Mrs. A. P. Fryatt; treasurer, Mrs. R. Scott; secretary, Mrs. M. Raynor.

Priest at St. Matthias'

Rev. James Blewett, B.A., of St. Michael's Church, Calgary, has been appointed priest-in-charge of St. Matthias' Church here. It is announced by Rt. Rev. H. E. Sexton, Bishop of Columbia. The new incumbent of St. Matthias' is expected to arrive in Victoria about the middle of January.

The custom of China of sealing houses against outer air in cold weather sometimes causes death to entire families, when carbon monoxide gas is given off from the charcoal braziers used for heating.

Norwegian Nurse Describes Voyage

By LEO MacGILLIVRAY

TORONTO (CP)—This story, in the tradition of the ancient Vikings, is of a modern Norwegian family that took to the sea to escape an enemy at home and, in a 70-foot fishing boat, crossed the North Atlantic Ocean to seek haven in that vineland which was discovered nearly 1,000 years ago by another Norwegian, Lief Erickson.

The story was told today by Sister Astrid Novik, a descendant of the old sea-rovers, who is a nurse in the "hospital" at Little Norway, main training centre of the Norwegians in North America who are preparing to free their country from the yoke of Hitler.

It all happened early last summer. Sister Novik at the time of the German invasion was in training in a large hospital in Trondheim. Her father, six brothers and two sisters were at home in Fraya.

The Novik family decided a Hitler-ridden Norway was no place for them and soon after the invasion they established an underground communication with one another and determined to escape.

It was decided that Astrid would meet the family at Fraya at 7 o'clock one evening early in June. She made her way by devious ways and finally reached a fjord in the vicinity of her home. There she met a friend of her father who took her to Fraya in this speedboat.

FOUND NAZIS THERE

By the time she reached Fraya, eight hours after the appointed time, she found that the Germans were in occupation. It was a bad moment or two for the girl but soon friends directed her to her brothers—two had waited for her. The rest of the family had fled.

Astrid and her brothers left quickly and reached Tromso where there was to be a rendezvous with the rest of the family. The meeting took place—but not in Tromso. The Germans already were in possession when Astrid and her brothers arrived. Again friends came to the rescue and the three Noviks learned that the rest of the family was on a small island out beyond the entrance to Tromso fjord.

Then were laid the plans for escape. One of Astrid's brothers, a fisherman, had a 70-foot power boat. The family would leave for the new world in it.

There were 23 of them—all that the boat would accommodate. There was Astrid's father, Peter Novik, and his six sons and two daughters. Four of the sons were married and they had their wives and children. That made up the party.

EPIC VOYAGE

Skipped by the owner, Otto Novik, the Kore II set out from that island June 9. Five days later a stop was made at the Fearo Islands. Friendly Danish colonists there welcomed the Noviks—but the voyage was not over. Peter Novik and his family were determined to reach the new world and provisions and fuel were stocked. Finally the Kore II set sail on July 3 and July 14 she put in to St. John's, Newfoundland.

After reaching Newfoundland the Noviks once more stocked up with the provisions they needed and then pushed on to Nova Scotia, the land their forefathers under Lief Erickson once discovered and colonized for a brief period under the name of Vineland.

Astrid came to Toronto soon afterwards, completed her training as a nurse and now is ministering to her countrymen in training at Little Norway. Her family remained in Nova Scotia and have settled to earn themselves a living as fishermen at Canso.

Badminton, Angus Win at Uplands

In turkey competitions held at the Uplands Golf Club over the week-end E. Badminton and J. R. Angus were the winners. The former headed Saturday's competition with a score of 86-45-71, while Angus was the leader yesterday with 79-11-68.

SATURDAY'S SCORES

E. Badminton 71, W. R. Menzies 72, J. McNeill 73, Wm. Allen 73, Gen. G. S. Tuxford 74, Vic Painter 74, Capt. A. M. Boyd 75, A. Woodcroft 75, Vic Lea 75, W. Court 76, R. Bramley 78, J. H. Sledge 78, R. A. Phillips 78, Hugh McKenzie 79, G. W. Whitehead 82.

SUNDAY'S SCORES

J. R. Angus 68, L. W. Green-slade 71, Fred Smith 73, J. W. Richmond 73, J. Inglis 74, Vic Painter 75, W. Court 76.

In the search for new motor fuels, a Swedish scientist is trying a way of using crude turpentine in motors.

That Guiltiest Feeling

By Miss Clare Briggs



Airmen and Bays Win Rugby Games

In rugby matches played at Macdonald Park on Saturday afternoon the Royal Canadian Air Force swamped a short-handed

Oak Bay Wanderers' squad 30 to 0 in the opening game of the senior B league, and the J.B.A.A. blanked the 5th Brigade N.P.A.M. 20 to 0 in an exhibition tilt. Top scorer for the airmen was Carr with three tries. Carrie, Topp, McNeil, Parrott and Char-

man provided the other major scores. Mackie converted three of eight attempts.

Sand worms keep their burrows from collapsing on them by secreting a substance that holds the grains of sand together.

19,000,000 ACRES IN B.C. FOR FARMS

"The price of farm land is very largely determined by the price of farm products," said Neil Perry provincial director of the Bureau of Economics and Statistics, addressing a meeting of the Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturalists last week on land values, taxation and agricultural resources.

Mr. Perry cited the land boom of 1905-1909 as an example of how inflated land values caused assessment figures to run out of proportion to the true worth of the land. The speaker stated theoretically the assessed values should vary in proportion to capitalized earnings.

From the standpoint of agricultural resources, Mr. Perry said there were tremendous areas of land in British Columbia and the other provinces of Canada still available for agricultural purposes. In British Columbia alone there were 19,000,000 acres of land suitable for agriculture.

Victoria Branch Adds To Toch H Light Chain

Lighting its lamp, thereby adding to the chain of light which started in England the previous

night, the Victoria Toch H participated in the annual celebration of the Toch H chain of light on Thursday night at 50 King George Terrace. Major F. V. Longstaff was chairman in the absence of Warwick Rawson.

Each branch and group of Toch H in turn lit its lamp from east to west. The lighting of the lamp of the Victoria group followed a brief ceremony, Lee Warner reading "Forging the Chain." Padre Arthur Bischlager, R.C.N., read a letter of greeting from the founder of Toch H, Rev. P. B. Clayton of England.

It was decided that the monthly meetings would be held on the fourth Friday in each month.

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CENTENNIAL CHOIR TO SING CANTATA

Centennial United Church Choir of 40 voices under the direction of J. W. Buckler with Mrs. Paul Green at the organ and Miss Gertrude Riche, A.T.C.M., at the piano, will present John West's Christmas cantata, "The Story of Bethlehem," at the evening service on Sunday, December 22.

The cantata opens with a dramatic bass recitative by Samuel Swetnam, followed by the whole chorus announcing that "Out of Bethlehem a Ruler shall come

forth and He shall be a Shepherd of the people." Other soloists continuing the story will be Mrs. J. Prisk, Mrs. S. Swetnam, Mrs. W. C. Williams, George F. H. Farmer and W. T. Almond. The concluding words are: "Let love be throned in every heart, for Christ the Lord is born."

The music is bright and tuneful and of modern characteristic; there is a well-known Christmas hymn for choir and congregation, an interesting duet for tenor and baritone and choruses with an unusual lift.

Darning eggs that light up inside by a small electric bulb are new, for housewives abroad who darn socks during blackouts.

Tattooist Finds Business Brisk



The ancient art of tattooing, usually associated with the artistic decorations covering arms and chests of sailors, is being revived in Victoria by a tattooist who hopes that wartime crowds of soldiers and sailors here offer a good field for business. Sailors and soldiers, however, are not alone in those who seek this ancient form of beautification. Experience of Albert "Speed" Robinson, who is operating here, and other tattoo artists, shows that women in increasing numbers are included in the tattooist's clientele.

Demonstrating his art at the Provincial Exhibition last September, Robinson found such a great demand from civilians and members of the forces, he decided to open a permanent business here. Regarding the women's clientele, he mentioned that ladies show a marked leaning for the sentimental side of this business, having small tattoos of butterflies, flowers and hearts inscribed. For the most part, on their legs—on their legs because milady might feel embarrassed sporting such decorations on her arms when at a dance dressed in a sleeveless evening gown.

AN ANCIENT ART

Tattooing, which originated in the stone age, and is recorded in the Bible, is, at the present day, on the upswing, said Robinson. In ancient times it was considered an art, and tattooers of today still place it in this category. The technique of embedding these intricate designs beneath the epidermis takes the same sense of beauty and artful design that is required of a painter or sculptor, he says.

In his 10 years' experience as an exponent of this art, he has found that the three chief reasons why a great many of the public have themselves decorated in such a manner, are to epitomize patriotism, love and friendship.

At the present time, the patriotic theme far outranks the other two. The "love of country" idea finds its outlet in such designs as battle ships, different flags of the Empire, and bulldogs, anchors and maple leaves coupled with flags.

A single design, depending on size and intricacy, will take anywhere from five minutes to five hours to tattoo. The colors utilized are red, black, green, orange and brown, these being applied in order of brightness, starting with the duller, black, and ending with red.

Tattooing is now a painless process. With the introduction of the electric needle about 25 years ago and with its subsequent improvement, the actual tattooing can be barely felt, the only sensation being that of a slight sunburn for about half an hour after the process is finished. The modern electric needle makes 3,000 jabs a minute into the skin.

This is a far cry from the types of tattooing done in the South Seas and in the Orient not so many years ago. In the former locality natives would gash their skin with sharp sea shells, a painful process, and rub the dye into the wound they inflicted on themselves. From the Orient have come stories of designs stencilled on wood, the lines of the decorations being outlined in sharp pins. These blocks would be placed on the flesh of a man, and then hammered with a mallet driving the pin points into the skin. Dye was then rubbed into the myriads of punctures, so forming a design.

However, the man of today, wishing to sport a manly tattoo on his forearm, the most popular part of the body for decoration, need not worry about such torture. With sterilization of needles and ample use of disinfectants, coupled with the lightning speed of the electric needle, infection and pain are eliminated.

Military Notices

No. 2 ECHOLON AND WORKSHOP SECTION, 6th DIVL. SUP. COLN. R.C.A.S.C., C.A.R.

Orderly officer for week ending Sunday, December 22, 1940: 2nd Lieut. D. R. Mackay. Next for duty: 2nd Lieut. R. E. Maze.

Orderly sergeant for week ending December 22, 1940: A-Cpl. B. H. Parsons. Next for duty: A-Cpl. J. A. Richardson.

Parades: The unit will parade at the Worsted Mills on Tuesday at 19.45 hrs. All personnel attending lectures and parades must be in possession of their civilian registration cards and said cards must be produced on request of Garrison Military Police.

Applications for position of clerk on administrative staff can be made from personnel of No. 2 Echolon.

LANGFORD

Professor W. G. Black, vice-president of the P.T.A. National Executive Council, gave a short talk at the local Parent-Teacher meeting. Mrs. Janet Leeming, Duncan, spoke on "Reviewing Objectives."

The school concert will be held December 20. A tribute was paid to the work of Sgt. Trevor Norman, school secretary, who is leaving for England.

The December meeting of St. Matthew's Guild was held at the home of Miss L. M. A. Savory.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute will be held December 17 at 2.30 in the Dunford Road Hall.

A mother coyote moves her home frequently to protect her young, and in a den with many holes she will put one pup in each hole to prevent the whole family from being attacked at once.

SCOUT NEWS

OAK BAY UNITED

The meeting of the Oak Bay United troop was opened by Duty Patrol Leader Harold Murphy. Willie Provost was awarded his master-at-arms' bookbinders' and artists' badge. Dick Wells was invested and was put in the antelope patrol. After inspection and roll-call a game of bull-in-the-ring was played. The feature of the evening was a track and field meet. The chief events were the javelin, discus and weight-throwing. At the conclusion of the 10 events it was found the Buffaloes had won with 28 points, the Beavers were a close second with 27, the Stags and Antelopes were tied with 22.

1st CATHEDRAL
The 1st Cathedral Scout group

will hold a banquet for all members at troop headquarters, Chester Avenue, Friday, December 20, at 6.30. All Scouts who plan to attend should bring a small wrapped gift to be placed on the Christmas tree and delivered after dinner. The ladies of the group committee will be in charge. All present members of both pack and troop will be welcome. Almost a full troop attended the regular meeting. The program included inspection, games and patrol competition. The Eagle patrol was on duty this week, so the Hawk patrol will be on duty patrol next Friday. There will be no troop meetings during the Christmas holidays. The first meeting of the New Year will be held on January 10, which is the first Friday after school reopens.

AMBULANCE SMOKER

A smoker was held at the Britannia Branch for officers, non-commissioned officers and men of No. 13 Field Ambulance, R.C.A.M.C., N.P.A.M. Special guests for the evening included B Company from Duncan. The program was highlighted by a special presentation of a combination writing desk and lamp to A. Lumley, first aid instructor of the unit. Major E. Elkington made the presentation on behalf of the officers and men. A varied and entertaining program was presented by members of the unit, including Pie Brain, the Thompson trio, Cpl. J. Jarmon's orchestra from Duncan, and Frank Merrifield. Cpl. Roger ("Curley") Peruliet conducted the singing.

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ON THE ENGLISH COAST (CP)—From a flagstaff on a misty cliff by the sea, the battle flag of a famous western Canada regiment flutters in the breeze—a symbol of the readiness of the Dominion troops in the front line to tackle any invading force.

Men from the prairies and the mountains and the Pacific Coast are prepared to sweep the beaches with fire, to blast the enemy with artillery if he comes in from the sea, and to fight in the streets, roads and countryside.

Deep in a dugout at a battle post, intelligence officers and signmen keep in constant communication even now with the platoons and sections on lookout duty and patrol.

One night recently Sgt. A. Shone of Victoria, signman R. P. Fisher of Ottawa and Pte. J. W. Harper of Winnipeg were calling outposts miles away, collecting full information of activity all over the Canadian area.

Anti-aircraft guns are mounted for action in many spots and at one lookout set on a jetty running into the sea, Pte. Angus Macdonald and Pte. Alex McCuish, both of Vancouver, maintained a close watch on every passing aircraft.

With fixed bayonet Pte. H. M. MacGillivray of Vancouver stood on guard by the gateway leading to the post.

Picture Gallery

DUNCAN—Reeve D. D. Chapman of North Cowichan, has undertaken a most commendable work in assembling, in the Municipal Hall, a picture gallery consisting of portraits of early reeves and district notables, and also photographs of scenes and groups of 60 or more years ago. Among the most interesting is a photograph of the old stone church at

Tzouhalem in process of being built.

'Next Door to Hell'

Gordon Roberts of Courtenay has heard from his son with the R.A.F. in the Near East. They only get mail every three months as it has to go a long way round. He says that the Red Sea port they are at is called "next door to hell" because of its climate, and he is inclined to agree with these critics.

Joins R.A.F.

Ronnie Hodgson, son of Capt. and Mrs. H. M. T. Hodgson, Alberni, has been called east to join the wireless division of the R.A.F. He was formerly radio operator at Estevan Point and later at Cap Lazo.

250 Scotties Due Home on Leave

More than 250 members of the Scottish are expected home tomorrow or the next day. They left Nova Scotia by special train last Wednesday.

Lieut. Colonel J. R. Kingham, the commanding officer of the Scottish, will fly home next week-end to spend Christmas with his family. Lieuts. R. V. D. Guthrie and Alan Morkill are expected tomorrow.

Many of the officers' wives have left in recent weeks for Nova Scotia to join their husbands.

Scottish Soldier Takes Plane Home

Private Jack Anderson, with the 1st Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, arrived home Saturday to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. J. B. Anderson, Ferndale Road, Gordon Head.

He went from Truro to Montreal by train and on Friday night boarded a trans-Canada airliner for the flight across the conti-

ment. Because of fog in Vancouver, the plane had to come directly to Patricia Bay and young Anderson was then able to motor home in less than half an hour. If the plane had landed in Vancouver he would have had to transfer to a seaplane to Esquimalt.

Anderson will return east by plane to Montreal, en route to Nova Scotia. Because the plane from Montreal to Halifax flies over United States territory, no member of Canada's armed forces is allowed to make this leg of the flight. Should the plane be forced down in U.S. territory a Canadian soldier, sailor or airman would be interned.

Pre-war Picture Of Tanks in Egypt

Watching the exploits of the tank corps in Egypt with great interest and some envy will be Lieut. Col. Philip Blowie, brother of Mrs. H. S. Baker of Courtenay. He is now in Canada and the United States on very responsible work for the British government. Some years ago Courtenay Legion men will remember he came to visit his mother and sister in Courtenay and whilst here he showed pictures of light tanks, skirmishing in the deserts of Egypt.

It is this famous corps that is now rumbling along the desert tracks towards Libya: it was they who broke the lines for the infantry to follow and take possession. Whilst being attached to the tanks he has specialized in mechanized units in the air force as well as with the army, and he is now an expert with the British army mission on this continent.

40 Zeballos Men In the Services

The Canadian Legion in the Privateer Community is raising money to send gifts overseas to approximately 40 men who have left Zeballos to fight against Hitlerism and all it stands for.

Oddity of Year

NEW YORK (AP)—Dartmouth's delayed football victory over Cornell, already chosen the No. 1 upset of the year, was singled out again for special notice today as 1940's prize sports oddity in the United States.

The country's sports editors were strong for the "fifth down." Sixty of them had it somewhere on their list, and most of them put it right on top.

From a fine supplementary selection of freak incidents, it was difficult to determine a definite second. The honors appeared divided fairly evenly among Ed Oliver's disqualification from the U.S. open golf championship for being too early, rather than too late, off the tee; Jimmy Wilson's theft of second base in the world baseball series; and the attempted tackle of Tommy Harmon made in the California-Michigan game by a misguided celebrant who, like many more sober and athletic citizens, missed his mark.

Loyalty at Touchwood

Bob Davis in New York Sun

TOUCHWOOD, Saskatchewan Province—Traveling eastward on the Continental Limited, one of the Canadian National Railroad's crack fliers, we picked up Bruce Boreham, press representative of the western division.

From the sanguinary theme of war we turned for relief to the tour of England's King and Queen through the Dominion of the Maple Leaf a few weeks prior to the Nazi's unleashing of their hosts upon Poland. Boreham, an executive under Walter S. Thompson, in charge of the public relations for the Canadian National, enjoyed unusual facilities for observation.

The entire journey of the Royal couple, with the exception of occasional motor tours, was made over Canada's trunk lines, the C.N.R. and the C.P.R., traveling in two sections of 12 cars each. Section one, known as the pilot train, contained reporters, photographers, secretaries, radio men and assistants, with dining and sleeping cars attached. It traveled 20 minutes ahead of section two, which was reserved for the use of Their Majesties and attendant retinues, including the Prime Minister and suite.

"Without a single hitch in the tour, totaling 7,000 miles," said Boreham, "the railroads established a one-tour record for distance, maintenance of schedule and the preservation of order both in transit and at all stops. A more efficient personnel could not have been assembled to serve the Sovereigns of the British Empire."

In view of Boreham's familiarity with all that took place on this now historic journey, and because he is a trained newspaperman of wide experience, I put the question: "What of all you saw and heard and felt during those days and nights covering the Royal safari through Canada stands out in your mind as the most significant event?"

Immediately Boreham brought forth a timetable. "I can easily answer that question," he said, "and in a few minutes show you the exact spot where I got the kick of my lifetime. We are due at that point in 15 minutes. Here it is: Touchwood, Saskatchewan, a small settlement of perhaps 200 people. A prairie halting place on the left side of the track. I'll indicate it as we pass through. Keep your eye peeled for a dirt road crossing the right of way."

In a few minutes Touchwood, with its few domiciles and granaries scattered among the pine trees and meadows, loomed ahead on the left. At the fringe of the settlement a dirt road broke for an instant across my line of vision and vanished beneath the train.

THE BIG MOMENT
"That's it," said Boreham, blinking his eyes. "Now I'll tell you the details of the big moment. The hour was about 7 p.m., the daylight slowly fading. I was seated in the observation car of the pilot train, 20 minutes ahead of the Royal train following on schedule toward Melville, a town of perhaps 6,000 inhabitants, where preparation had been made for a side-track reception for Their Majesties, and for reserving the 12 special coaches with water, oil, ice, and for an inspection of wheels and air-conditioning apparatus. Mr. Thompson's official headquarters in the observation car occupied space opening on large windows, giving a good view of the countryside. The pilot train began to slow down, and Touchwood presented a better pattern for my eyes to analyze. Suddenly I caught sight of a dusty man climbing a fence beside the road. He was garbed in shabby attire, the coat too short for his body. His shirt was open at the neck and, despite the distance between us, I could discern the black stubble of his unshaven beard. Evidently he had come from a point far away and seemed to be in a hurry. He appeared a bit tired as he climbed the fence, across which I was unable to see any sort of building or cleared land from which he might have come. In any case, after making the fence, he thrust his right hand into the left breast of his coat and, in a last effort, stumbled across a narrow ditch up to the dirt highway."

"I will not dwell upon my mixed emotions aroused by the sudden movement of his right hand. What had he concealed beneath his garment? Why the hurry? The kinetoscopic picture, caught in the flash of an eye, held me spellbound. Why was there, I wondered. At that moment he doffed his wrinkled hat, clicked together the heels of his dusty, well-worn shoes, hauled forth a stick from his bosom and with a swift motion unfurled the Union Jack, flag of England, waving it three times as the pilot train rolled away eastward. Walter Thompson, who was born at Newcastle-on-Tyne, saw the fluttering colors and for the moment was back in England.

Spokane Wins Rough Battle

SPOKANE, Wash. (CP)—Spokane Bombers, late occupants of the Pacific Coast League's dormant position, stood firmly at the top of the circuit today, four points above the second-place Vancouver Lions, after a 3 to 2 Bomber victory here last night over the Portland Buckaroos.

The Bombers, who took the lead in the opening period, were never behind, but were forced on the defensive to protect a one-goal lead through most of the third period.

The game was rough, and a free-for-all fight in the final period resulted in five-minute penalties for Lude Palm of Spokane and Ching Dheere of Portland. The fight started on the Portland blue line and involved most of the players.

The Bombers took a one-goal lead in the first period, when Aubrey Webster, right winger, banged in Ralph Blyth's pass. The Bucks tied the game up a moment later, though, when Red Conn scored. Spokane went one-up again late in the period on Bert Scharf's goal, made on a pass from John Emery.

Portland knotted the count in the second period, on a brilliant bit of skating by defenceman Vic Ripley, who took the puck from goal to goal and slammed the rubber into a corner of the Spokane net as goalie Porky Levine went down to save. The remainder of the period went scoreless.

Spokane's winning goal came early in the third period. Ralph Blyth timed a long pass perfectly to meet Bill Gauf as the rangy rookie reached the net.

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Time: 1.41 1-4. Also ran: Donna Jean, Horset, Elstree, Montrose James, Mac Pharris, Kay Kim Bee.

Third Race—Mile and one-sixteenth: Silweep (Adams).....\$32.40 \$14.40 \$8.00

Time: 1.46 4-5. Also ran: Miss Amie, Herman Jr., Sweet Leland, Dons Star, Young Agnes, Sure Fire, Good Han, Don Grafton, Valinda Ace.

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Time: 1.40 3-4. Also ran: Macbride, Pontefract, Red Cliff, Crack Mortgage, Baranca, Vain Joker, Lynn Hart.

Fifth Race—Mile and one-sixteenth: Rich Son (Skelly).....\$16.00 \$4.00 \$2.00

Recoista (Longden).....\$2.20 6.00

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Time: 1.45 3-5. Also ran: Treasure Isle, Lady Jaguine, Max Fort, Valinda Joe, Royal Circuit, Bignar, Golden Emblem, Lady's Son.

Sixth Race—One mile: Battle Hymn (Dew).....\$8.80 \$2.80 \$2.80

Time: 1.38 2-4. Also ran: Claret, Dip, Xenoxa Fox, Red and White.

Seventh Race—Mile and one-sixteenth: Choulet (Westrop).....\$7.00 \$2.80 \$2.80

Time: 2.02. Also ran: Bagen May, Golden Shot, Rosford, Sweetman, Mary Allen, Sir Grenville, Nihil, Sky Brush.

Eighth Race—Mile and one-sixteenth: Idle Along (Skelly).....\$12.00 \$4.00 \$2.00

Time: 2.03. Also ran: Man of War, Triplane, Timberland, Son of War.

Ninth Race—Six furlongs: Short Notice (Longden).....\$6.40 \$4.00 \$2.00

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HOTPOINT KETTLE

Awakens to Find Her Home on Fire

Smoke that was choking her awakened Mrs. T. S. Barron, 2254 Beach Drive, in time to save herself and son from harm and her home from serious damage from a fire which broke out around 4 Saturday morning.

"I was dreaming I was being choked and woke up to find the bedroom filled with smoke and the walls on fire," Mrs. Barron said.

Her first thought was for her son. She quickly carried him to a place of safety and turned in the alarm to the fire department and then with a water-soaked rag covering her mouth and nose returned to the room and secured clothes to keep her youngster warm.

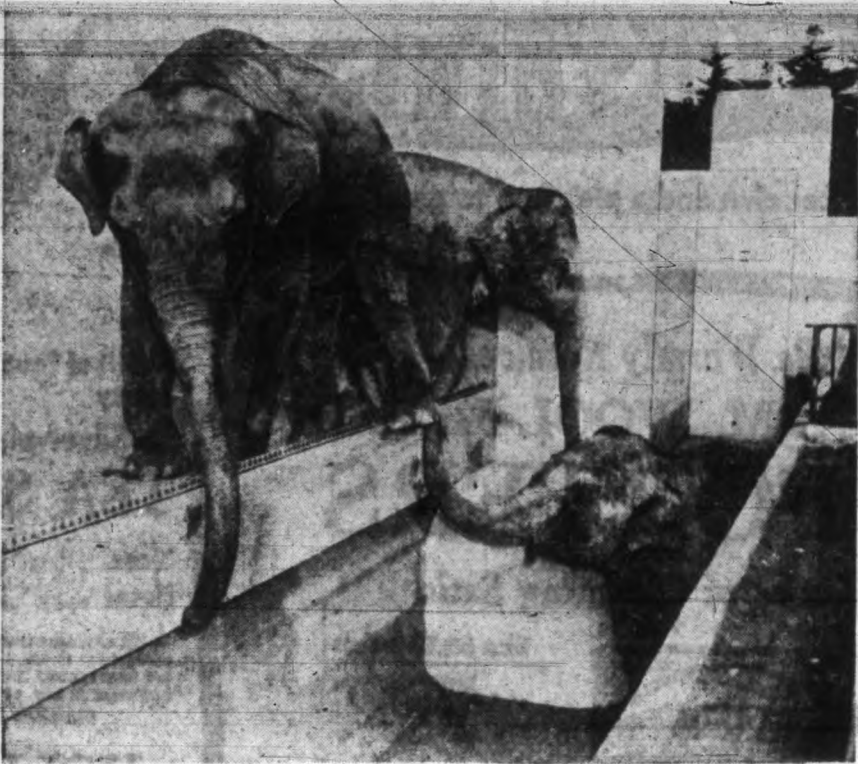
The fire department responded quickly and after an hour had extinguished the flames.

Fire Chief Clayards reported the fire resulted from a defective fireplace. Apparently there were cracks in the brickwork which enabled the heat to contact the woodwork. The fireplace was out when Mrs. Barron went to bed but it is believed the heat caused the woodwork to smolder for some hours and finally broke into flames.

Mrs. Barron's husband is in the army.

Entertained Orphans.

The Live Yers Club of the Y.W.C.A. gave a Christmas party to eight boys and six girls from the Orphanage, between the ages of 6 and 10. The children arrived at 6 and were entertained with suitable games by members of the club. At 7.45 refreshments were served, including a Christmas cake made and decorated by Gertrude Demers, secretary of the club, also responsible for the beautifully-wrapped gift for each child. There were distributed to each with oranges, candies and balloons by a Santa Claus, whose arrival caused great excitement.



PACHYDERMIC DISTRESS—At San Francisco Zoo, Babe, 25-year-old, five-ton lady elephant, felt playful, pranced around and tumbled into a 10-foot trench surrounding the elephant pens. There she stayed for hours while zoo officials faced a major engineering problem in how to get her out. And all the time Babe—and her two pals, Mae and Virge—just cried and cried.

Gertrude Demers was responsible for the gifts; Bertha Robertson, refreshments; Eileen Steele, candies. Miss Dorothy Spencer, leader of the club, acted as hostess, and all members present did good work in making the party a huge success.

Funds for this project were raised by means of a whistle drive held last month.

The Victoria Women's Institute will meet on Friday afternoon at 2.15, at headquarters, 635 Fort Street, for appointment of committees for the New Year and general business. Mrs. A. Campbell will give a talk on the League of Nations.

Privateer Workers On Hunting Trip

Several of the executive staff of Privateer Mine enjoyed three days duck hunting at Nootka Sound points where ducks were to be found. The group included N. McConnell, manager; C. C. Camp, superintendent of the mill; Harry Hewitt, foreman of the mine; Nels Jean, outside foreman and Ray Evans, master mechanic. The hunters hired the Calm Creek, a tender owned by Roy Darville of the Zeballos Lumber

Company, and Mr. Darville went along as captain. They bagged a few ducks and had a good time all around.

Mr. and Mrs. McConnell are going to Vancouver to spend the holiday with Mrs. McConnell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Laif. Leaving at the same time on the southbound Maquina on December 16 will be Mr. and Mrs. Geo. George, Harry Small and Mr. Vanderhegg, all of Privateer.

The W.A. to Pro Patria Branch Canadian Legion will hold a card social on Tuesday at 8 in the V.W.I. rooms, 635 Fort Street, when the draw will take place for the turkeys.

Radio Programs

(These programs are compiled from data received from the various broadcasting corporations. The Victoria Daily Times cannot be responsible for last-minute changes which are frequently made without adequate notification.)

Tonight

5
Telephone Hour—KOMO, KPO, V. De Leath; Songs—KJR, KGO, With the Troops—CJR, King Arthur Jr.—KJR, KGO at 5.15.

5.30

Rud Barton—KJR, News—KGO, Canadian Grenadiers' Band—CJR, Adventure—KOL, Concert Hall—CJOR, Jack Armstrong—KOMO, KPO at 5.45, Tom Mix—KJR, KGO at 5.45, Bob Garrett's News—KIRO, KNX, KVI at 5.45, Captain Midnight—KOL at 5.45, Elmer Davis' News—KIRO, KNX, KVI, 5.55.

6

Doctor I.Q.—KOMO, KPO, Radio Theatre—KIRO, KNX, KVI, CBR, Paulsen Lewis—KOL, Tullum Club—CJOR, News—KJR at 6.10, Sports Review—CJR at 6.15.

6.30

Show Boat—KOMO, KPO, News—KJR, KGO, John Hughes—KOL, Music—CJOR, News—KGO at 6.45, They Ache—CJOR at 6.45.

7

Contented Program—KOMO, KPO, Louis vs. McCoy—KJR, KGO, Lombard's Orchestra—KIRO, KNX, KVI, News—KOL at 7.15, Raymond Gram Swing—KOL, Leslie Howard—CJR at 7.15, News—CJOR at 7.15, Light Up and Listen—CJOR at 7.15.

7.30

Burns and Allen—KOMO, KPO, Blondie—KIRO, KNX, KVI, NBC News—CJR, Lone Ranger—KOL, Carson Robison—CJOR at 7.45.

8

Fred Waring—KOMO, KPO, Amos 'n' Andy—KIRO, KNX, KVI, Western—KOL, Chicago Tonight—KOL, News—CJOR, John Hughes—KOL at 8.15, Lenny Ross—KIRO, KNX, KVI at 8.15, Vox Pop—CJOR at 8.15.

8.30

Where and When—KOMO, KPO, I Love Myself—KJR, KGO, Pipe Smoking Time—KIRO, KNX, KVI, Playful Cooks—CJR, Double or Nothing—KOL, Hockey—CJOR, "Scenes as Never Was"—CJR at 8.45, Bob Trout's News—KIRO, KNX, KVI, 8.55.

9

True or False—KJR, KGO, Those We Love—KIRO, KNX, KVI, With the Troops—CJR, News—KOL.

9.30

Hawthorne House—KOMO, KPO, Mr. Wyde A. Wake—KJR, KGO, News—KIRO, KNX, KVI, Songs of Empires—CJR, Boske Carter—KOL, Wake Up, America—KOL at 9.45.

10

News—KOMO, KPO, KJR, KIRO, KNX, KVI, Hawaiian Trio—CJR, News—KIRO, CBR at 10.15.

10.30

Music by Woodbury—CJR, News—KOL at 10.45, Melody in the Night—CJOR at 10.45.

11

Peter's Orchestra—KOMO, KPO, News—KJR, KGO, KNX, Clark Ross—KIRO, KVI, Gordon's Orchestra—CJOR, Paul Carson—KJR at 11.15.

11.30

Shaw's Orchestra—KOMO, KPO, News—KIRO, KNX, KVI, News—CJR, Loper's Orchestra—CJOR, News—KOL at 11.45, News—KIRO, KVI at 11.55, News—KOMO, KJR at 11.57.

Tomorrow

7.30

News—KJR, KIRO, KNX, KVI, CBR, Breakfast Club—KJR, KGO, Musical Musings—CJR at 7.30, Sam Hayes—KOMO, KPO at 7.45, Morning Devotions—CJR at 7.45, News—CJOR at 7.45.

8

News—CJR, CJOR, Neighbors of Woodcraft—KOL, Against the Storm—KIRO, KVI at 8.15, News—KIRO, KNX, KVI at 8.15, Clark Dennis—CJR at 8.15, Radio News—CJOR at 8.15.

8.30

Just Between Friends—KJR, KGO, Goldberger—KIRO, KNX, KVI, Music—CJR, News—KOL, Choir—CJOR, Lyle Henderson—KPO, CBR at 8.45, News—KGO at 8.45, Kathleen Harris—KIRO, KNX, KVI, 8.45.

9

News—KJR, CBR, Home Forum—KOL, Kate Smith—KIRO, KNX, KVI, The O'Neill—KOMO, KPO at 9.15, Shuttles—CJOR, When a Girl Marries—KIRO, KNX, KVI at 9.15, Hour of Prayer—CJR at 9.15, Tropical Moods—CJOR at 9.15.

9.30

National Home Hour—KJR, KGO, Helen Trent—KIRO, KNX, KVI, Richardson's Orchestra—CJR, Kitty Keene—CJOR, International Kitchen—KPO at 9.45, Gal Sunday—KIRO, KNX, KVI at 9.45, Gospel Singers—CJOR at 9.45.

10

Life's Cup Be Beautiful—KIRO, KNX, KVI, Happy Gang—CJR, John Hughes—KOL, Modern Kitchen—CJOR, Woman in White—KIRO, KNX, KVI, 10.15, Happy Gang—KOL at 10.15.

10.30

Our Spiritual Life—KJR, KGO, Right to Happiness—KIRO, KNX, KVI, Master's Orchestra—CJR, Peter McGregor—CJOR, Johnson Family—KOL, Dr. Kate—KOMO, KPO at 10.45, News—KJR, KGO, CBR, CJOR at 10.45, Mary Lee Taylor—KIRO, KNX, KVI, 10.45, Bethel's Children—KOL at 10.45.

Headliners Tonight

5.00—Telephone Hour—KOMO, KPO, 6.00—Doctor I.Q.—KOMO, KPO, 6.00—Radio Theatre—KIRO, KNX, KVI, CBR, 6.30—Show Boat—KOMO, KPO, 7.00—Contented Program—KPO, KOMO, 7.00—Louis vs. McCoy—KJR, KGO, 7.15—Leslie Howard—CJR, 7.30—Burns and Allen—KOMO, KPO, 7.30—Blondie—KIRO, KNX, KVI, 8.00—Woodhouse and Hawkins—CJR, 8.30—Where and When—KPO, KOMO, 9.00—True or False—KJR, KGO, 9.00—Those We Love—KIRO, KNX, KVI, 9.30—Hawthorne House—KPO, KOMO.

News

5.30—KGO; 5.45—KIRO, KNX, KVI; 5.55—KIRO, KNX, KVI; 6.15—KJR; 6.30—KJR, KGO; 6.45—KGO; 7.00—CJR, CJOR; 7.15—KOL; 8.00—CJOR; 8.55—KIRO, KNX, KVI; 9.00—KOL; 10.00—KOMO, KPO, KIRO, KNX, KVI; 10.15—KIRO, CBR; 10.30—CJOR; 10.45—KOL; 11.00—KJR, KGO, KNX; 11.30—CJR; 11.45—KOL; 11.55—KIRO, KNX, KVI; 11.57—KOMO, KJR.

11

Hymns of All Churches—KOMO, KPO, Our Half Hour—KJR, KGO, Big Sister—KIRO, KNX, KVI, CBR, CJOR, Friendly W. Gibbons—KOL, A. Grimm's Daughter—KOMO, KPO, 11.15, Aunt Jo's Stories—KIRO, KNX, KVI at 11.15, Dr. Susan—CJR, CJOR at 11.15.

11.30

Valiant Lady—KOMO, KPO, Fletcher—Wier—KIRO, KNX, KVI, U.S. Army Band—CJR, KGO, Light's Ram—CJOR, Sing of World—KOMO, KPO at 11.45, My Sun and I—KIRO, KNX, KVI at 11.45, Hint Hunter—CJOR at 11.45.

12

Mary Martin—KOMO, KPO, Orchestra of Divines—KJR, KGO, Martha Webster—KIRO, KNX, KVI, B.C. Forum—CJR, News—KOL, Spritzer's Tune—CJOR, Ma Perkins—KOMO, KPO at 12.15, Honey Moon Hill—KJR, KGO at 12.15.

12.30

Pepper Young—KOMO, KPO, John's Other Wife—KJR, KGO, Kate Hopkins—KIRO, KNX, KVI, News—CJR, CJOR, Vic and Sade—KOMO, KPO at 12.45, Plain Bill—KJR, KGO at 12.45, News—KIRO, KNX, KVI at 12.45, Musical—CJR at 12.45, Frolic—CJOR at 12.45.

1

Backstage Wife—KOMO, KPO, Mother O'Mine—KJR, KGO, Fortis—KIRO, KNX, KVI, School of the Air—CJR, KOL, Man I Married—CJOR, Betty's Dishes—KOMO, KPO at 1.15, News—KGO at 1.15, Myrt and Marge—KIRO, KNX, KVI, 1.15, Burt's Notebook—CJOR at 1.15.

1.30

Lorraine Jones—KOMO, KPO, Milton House—KIRO, KNX, KVI, Bandstand—CJR, Wilder Brown—KOMO, KPO at 1.45, Christmas in Art—CJR at 1.45, News—KOL at 1.45, Studio Party—CJOR at 1.45.

2

Girl Alone—KOMO, KPO, American School—KJR, KVI, Studio—CJR, Lone Journey—KOMO, KPO at 2.15.

2.30

Guiding Light—KOMO, KPO, Popular Songs—CJR, Life Can Be Beautiful—KOMO, KPO, 2.45, Wartie Van Dyke—KJR, KGO at 2.45, Beatle-good Baines—KIRO, KNX, KVI at 2.45, News—CJR, CJOR at 2.45.

3

Spivak's Orchestra—KOMO, KPO, Linda Dale—KJR, KGO, Dr. Malone—KIRO, KNX, KVI, Questions of the Hour—CJR, News—KOL, Life Can Be Beautiful—CJOR, News—Wier—KJR, KGO at 3.15, Nedda Hopper—KIRO, KVI at 3.15, Popular Songs—CJR at 3.15, News—KIRO, KNX, KVI at 3.15, News—KPO, KJR, KGO at 3.25.

3.30

Joyce Jordan—KIRO, KNX, KVI, "These United States"—CJR, KOL, Pepper Young—CJOR, World Today—KIRO, KVI at 3.45, Recital—CJR at 3.45, Night to Happiness—CJOR at 3.45.

4

Ricardo—Violin—KOMO, KPO, Second Wife—KIRO, KNX, KVI, Music—CJR, Fulton Lewis—KOL, Road of Life—CJOR, European Situation—KOMO, KPO at 4.15, Maurice's Orchestra—KJR, KGO at 4.15, Ma Perkins—KOL at 4.15, News—CJOR at 4.15.

4.30

Lynn's Orchestra—KJR, KGO, News—KOL, Today's Music—CJR, Woman in White—CJOR, H. V. Kallenberg—KOMO, KPO at 4.45, Famous Voice—CJOR at 4.45, William Woodside—CJR at 4.45.

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Clubwomen's News

C. C. F. Women's Auxiliary will meet on Tuesday at 2072 Hampshire Road, at 2.30 p.m.

The Diocesan Board of Columbia W.A. will meet at 10 a.m. on Friday in St. Barnabas school room for morning session only.

W.A. Britannia Branch No. 7 Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., met recently, the president, Mrs. H. Miller, in the chair. Meeting opened with silent tribute to three branch members.

A cribbage and court whist social and turkey tomahawk will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. The sum of \$50 was voted to the ambulance fund.

An extra visit will be paid to shut-ins and hospitals for Christmas. A donation will be sent to the orphanage. There will be two card socials in January, dates to be announced later.

Mrs. E. M. Jones reported the concert given by the Britannia Fragments a decided success. Mrs. A. Dickinson and Mrs. E. J. Woods volunteered to keep fresh flowers on the memorial tablet for the month, and Miss Yonge and Mrs. E. Finn will attend legion funerals.

Lodge Primrose, Daughters of England, met Friday in S.O.E. Hall, worthy president, Mrs. Harper, presiding. Worthy District Deputy Mrs. Bridges was present. A member was initiated into the order. Election of officers was as follows: Worthy president, Mrs. Jennings; secretary, Mrs. Harrison; treasurer, Mrs. Langley; chaplain, Mrs. Mortimer; first guide, Mrs. Melline; second guide, Mrs. L. McLaren; third guide, Mrs. Thompson; fourth guide, Mrs. Lansdale; inside guard, Miss Barnes; outside guard, Miss D. McLaren; physician, Dr. J. W. Lennox; trustees, Mrs. McKenzie, Mrs. Oliver; auditors, Mrs. Joyce, Mrs. Skinner, Mrs. Hill; scrutineers, Mrs. Swan, Mrs. Gosnell, Mrs. Bell, from Lodge Princess Alexandra No. 18.

St. Aidan's W.M.S. held their annual meeting Thursday afternoon, the president, Mrs. L. Holling, in the chair. Reports were heard from associate helpers, treasurer, supply and missionary monthly. Christmas hymns were sung. Mrs. Holling took the devotional and gave a Christmas message. At the close of the meeting Mrs. F. Jennings presented Mrs. L. Holling, retiring president, with a bouquet of chrysanthemums, and spoke of

the splendid work she had done in building up the auxiliary during her term of office. Mrs. Griffiths closed with prayer. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Honorary president, Mrs. Govenlock; president, Mrs. Griffiths; first vice-president, Mrs. F. Jennings; second vice-president, Mrs. Harvey; secretary, Mrs. C. F. Dawson; treasurer, Mrs. Salter; missionary monthly, Miss Irwin; Christian stewardship, Miss Cooper; temperance, Miss Griffin; associate helpers, Miss R. Botell; community friendship, Mrs. Setfield; literature secretary, Mrs. Marcham; press correspondent, Miss R. Botell.

Flu Adds to Work Of V.O.N. Nurses

In her monthly report for the Victoria Order of Nurses, Miss A. Creasor, head nurse, reported that November had been a heavier month than usual, with many more visits paid than during the same month of last year, due mainly to influenza cases.

Altogether 1,154 visits were made to 190 patients; 182 visits were made to mothers and babies, 113 to communicable diseases, seven to cancer cases, 151 to chronics, 434 to others; 267 were educational, and there were 51 night calls.

Four well-baby clinics were held, with a total attendance of 51 members.

General regret was expressed by the board at the resignation of Miss I. Black, a member of the staff for the past two years. She expects to take up similar duties in Winnipeg, and leaves with the best wishes of the board and her fellow workers.

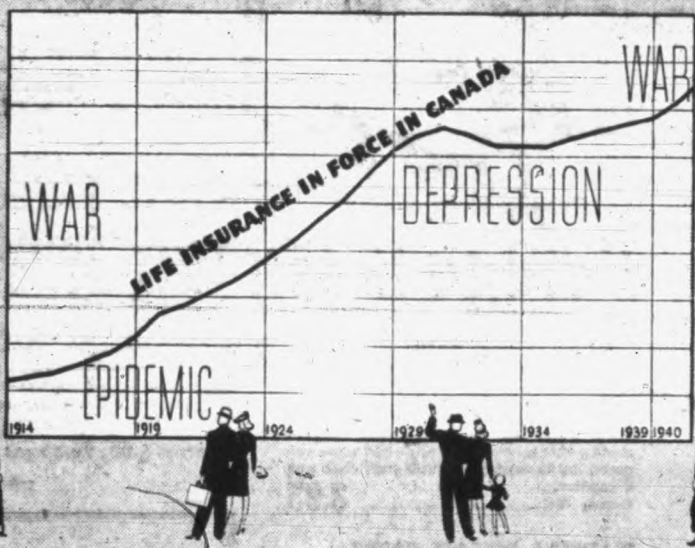
It was also reported to the meeting that Miss Mary McCuaig, western supervisor, had gone to Ottawa to attend a national conference of V.O.N. supervisors.

Motorist Loses Life

PENTICTON, B.C. (GP)—An inquest was started today on the death of Arthur Bell of Oliver, B.C., who succumbed in a hospital here last night from injuries suffered in an automobile accident near Oliver early Sunday. Details of the accident were not immediately available.

Soviet agriculturists report that cucumbers, radishes and lettuce are being grown in northern areas where the temperature may drop to six below freezing centigrade in July.

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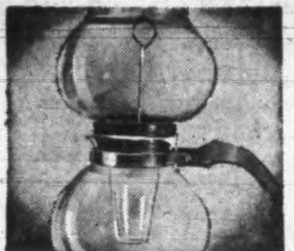


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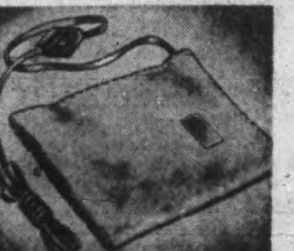


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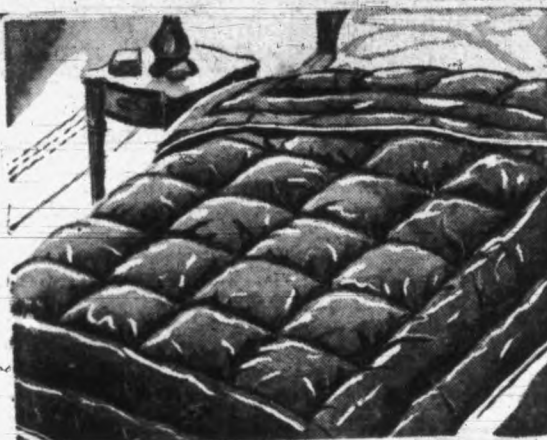
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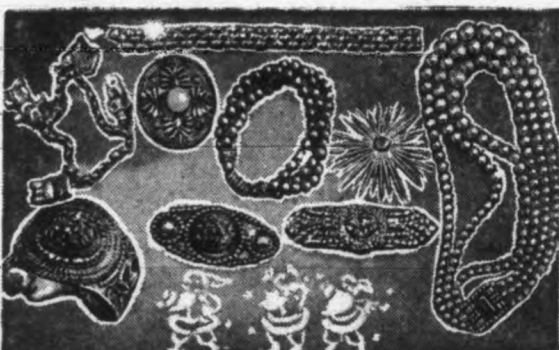
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Locals Trample Vancouver Reps

Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY
VICTORIA'S many followers of the rise of downfall of soccer teams in Britain have certainly taken a beating this winter. No longer can they grab the Saturday evening edition of the Times and hurriedly glance over the Old Country results to see how their favorites fared. We well remember the little arguments that used to take place every Saturday afternoon at the local football matches when the results of English and Scottish matches got around. How things have changed. No more results and the followers are lucky to hear the least bit of news about their clubs.

Now we hear from England that association football, beset by war problems, has run up against another snag, that may lead to the London clubs quitting league play after the New Year. The roof spotter system, expected to help draw larger crowds, came and went after only a week's trial. As an experiment it was a success and probably would have been adopted for all league games by the Football Association but the government refused to lift its ban on play during alerts. The Ministry of Home Security reaffirmed its stand that all sports must be suspended when air raid warnings sound. The official viewpoint was that the risk of bombs falling on a crowd of spectators did not justify continuing play. It is understood that the main reason for the ministry's action was the possibility of a wild rush for shelters when the spotter's warning was given and the likelihood of casualties being caused before all the people could reach them.

Press comment on the decision was divided, some papers supporting the ministry and others sparing no criticism. It generally was agreed, however, that unless something is done to bring back the crowds, wartime football in London will die a natural death. The situation in the provinces, where air raids are less frequent, is not so serious. In London, however, scarcely a Saturday passes without at least one afternoon warning.

There's no alert of knowing how long the war will last, but more than one game has had to be abandoned because darkness came before the "raiders passed" signal. Spectators, with no assurance that they'll see more than a few minutes' play, have been staying at home. Millwall, which a year ago played to crowds of 15,000, had 500 fans at a recent match. Three important London games that never drew fewer than 150,000 spectators in peacetime, had a gross attendance of 5,000.

Representatives of the London teams will meet shortly to discuss plans for the future. Charlton Athletic are expected to drop out of the league unless a solution is found and other clubs may follow suit. It has been suggested that the London clubs form their own league for the second half of the season, inviting local amateur teams to play with them. By arranging such competition there would be more local color to the games and lighter travelling expenses.

If no solution is found Londoners may see no more football after January 1 unless teams do as Clapton Orient did in a game against Queen's Park Rangers. Unable to field a full squad, Manager W. Wright appealed to the crowd of 200 for four volunteer players. Three were chosen from the 20 who came forward and Wright kept goal himself. Orient lost the game 3 to 0 but their perseverance in keeping their colors flying won them the praise of all English football supporters. Professional football doesn't exist on praise, however, so the conference of London managers is being awaited with more than usual interest.

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VANCOUVER (CP)—A smashing display of power by Victoria's Crimson Tide in defence of the McKelvie Cup they won last year had Vancouver fans just about convinced today the emblem of British Columbia English rugby supremacy would remain in the island city another year.

Playing on a frozen pitch Saturday, Victoria trounced Vancouver Rep 24 to 0 and there was little doubt in the minds of the 250 spectators who braved the foggy weather that the winning figures could have been increased. Faced by a superior team, Vancouver's troubles were increased by the loss of Chick Hudson, a fullback, whose head was cut when he made a flying tackle five minutes after play began.

But the iron-hard ground held no terrors for the Victoria pack. They tackled vigorously and, sparked by half-back Pender Molison, pulled off some of the finest ball-handling seen at Brockton Point.

Two former Vancouver players had a big part in the Victoria victory. Hump Payne and Stevie Covernton ran circles around their old team-mates.

FORBES STARS

Campbell Forbes, who starred among Victoria forwards, scored the first try when he intercepted a wild pass and dribbled it over for a try, which he failed to convert. Next, score came on a brilliant three-quarter run which sent Tom Carney over for a try, converted by Bill Gornell.

Steve Covernton registered the next try, unconverted, to put Victoria ahead 11 to 0 at half-time. The score jumped to 14 to 0 when Campbell Forbes drop-kicked a penalty goal awarded for offside. Forbes starred again in the next scoring play, climaxing a brilliant passing movement, for a try which Gornell converted. Hump Payne got the next try, which Harry Barker converted.

Fog started to roll in again about five minutes from time, but did not prevent the 250 spectators seeing two brilliant runs by Molison. On the first occasion he ran 50 yards, spilling three or four dummies en route, and then passing to Carney in the clear, but the latter stepped into touch when speeding for the line. The second time Molison cut through the middle, swerving past seven or eight men, and was pulled down right on the line by Ernie Perkins when he seemed a certain scorer.

Esquimalt Tie With Saanich

With eight regular players missing, Esquimalt soccer club failed to nick Saanich Thistles, in Victoria and District League play yesterday at Bullen Park, the score ending 2 to 2.

Esquimalt had an excellent chance to break the three-way tie for second place in the league standing when they went up against the bottom team, but only regular players they had in uniform were Barney Barnswell, Scotty Stewart and Fred Mills. Most of the remainder were rookies. They started with nine men.

The game was one of the most ragged seen here for some time, with Saanich making it 2 to 0 in the first half and Esquimalt scoring one later in the first period and the second halfway through the second session.

Alex Speller, speedy Thistles' forward, scored both of his team's goals. The first made its appearance about 15 minutes after the opening whistle and the second arrived 17 minutes later.

Barney Barnswell found the nets for Esquimalt's first goal near the half-time breather. Scotty Stewart scored the dead-locker in the second half.

5TH R.C.A. WINS

In another league game Saturday at Athletic Park, 5th R.C.A. downed Victoria City 3 to 1. Sick-ness crept into this game also, City playing nine men.

Highlight of the game was appearance of fleet-footed Alex Dallimore, former left wing man for Victoria United, with the army team and his scoring of two of the club's winning goals.

"Pop" Sage scored the opening goal five minutes after the start of the game to give City the lead. Dallimore tied the score late in the half and in the second half scored his second to give 5th R.C.A. a 2 to 1 lead. Jarvis scored army's third marker later in the half.

WEEKLY SHOOT

The Rainbow Rifle Club held its weekly shoot on Saturday. Scores out of a possible 100, follow:

A Class—Ferguson 98, P. Mackenzie 98, J. Gwill 97, N. Carter 94.

B Class—W. Dunan 97, G. Callow 93, E. Grant 92, E. Jones 91.

C Class—E. Potter 93.

Victoria Daily Times

Second Section Monday, December 16, 1940 SPORT

DiMaggio 'Trains' Early



A miniature train enthusiast since childhood, Joe DiMaggio has elaborate system in basement of his San Francisco home. The great New York Yankee outfielder adds to it each fall on his return from the baseball wars. He is shown operating one of his trains on his living-room floor.

Salmon Roe Use As Bait Opposed

An up-island movement to have salmon roe legalized as bait for steelhead fishing during the closed season on other trout (December, January and February), has resulted in strong protest from the Victoria and Island Public Bureau.

The Affiliated Fish and Game Protective Associations of Vancouver Island at a meeting in Nanaimo passed a resolution favoring the use of roe in the Nanaimo district and other areas north of the Nanaimo River, provided the various game associations in the district were agreeable.

George L. Warren, publicity commissioner here, received a copy of the resolution and replied immediately stating the bureau, Associated Boards of Trade of Vancouver Island and other organizations opposed the use of roe as bait.

A protest against the move was made also to F. R. Butler, game commissioner, who replied that amendments to the fishery regulations would soon be under consideration, and that the protest will be given the fullest attention at that time.

Falling off of fishing at the mouth of the Campbell River is puzzling the Tyee Club of British Columbia, and an effort is being made to have a survey made by the Fisheries Research Board to determine the reason for the condition.

It is suggested the slowing up of sport fishing in the district might be due to commercial fishing in the area adjacent to Campbell River, logging operations, taking of tyee salmon from salt water before they reach the area in question.

W. Frampton and Miss Matthews Win

Checking in with a net score of 80, W. Frampton and Miss E. Matthews won the two-ball mixed foursomes at the Gorge Vale Golf Club yesterday. One stroke more in the runner-up position were F. L. Besanta and Miss D. Grubb.

Other scores follow: E. Barber and Miss C. L. Harris, 85½; E. Peden and Miss E. Corrin, 86; R. T. Brindle and Mrs. R. T. Brindle, 86; A. O. Cooke and Mrs. A. O. Cooke, 87; Leo Derman and Miss L. Jarvis, 88; G. E. Davies and Miss K. Elston, 88½; S. Spaven and Miss L. Newnam, 89½; J. G. Thomson and Mrs. G. Gunniss, 89½; W. E. Cook and Miss E. Todd, 90; G. Petticrew and Mrs. A. O. Cooke, 92; J. Cunningham and Mrs. D. R. Hurdle, 94; G. Corke and Miss V. Gleason, 95; Les Colton and Mrs. E. Holt, 95; J. Caddell and Miss L. Austin, 90½; J. J. Kennedy and Miss M. Todd, 91; S. Jenkins and Miss P. Brindle, 98; C. Keown and Mrs. R. Foster, 98½; J. H. Davies and Mrs. J. Cunningham, 99; G. Murdie and Miss P. Pedlingham, 99; Mel Vout and Mrs. C. N. High, 99; R. Peden and Miss Dot Hill, 99.

Fox Speed

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Nelson Wins Tourney

Hogan Takes Trophy

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Byron Nelson, he of the poetic golf swing, headed westward today with the \$2,500 top Miami open cheque but bereft of the prized Vardon Trophy.

Nelson played 72 holes of golf in nine strokes less than par for a 271 that gave him a final one-shot margin in the \$10,000 Miami open, but the year's honors for consistency went to little Ben Hogan of White Plains, N.Y.

Hogan finished third, four strokes behind Nelson, and his \$1,000 prize ran his total earnings for the year to \$10,655. Nelson was next at \$9,653 and Sam Snead of Hot Springs, Va., third with \$9,206.

The Vardon Trophy, awarded annually by the Professional Golfers' Association to its most consistent member, changed from Nelson's hands to Hogan's.

Louis Battles McCoy Tonight

BOSTON (AP)—Champion Joe Louis is an almost unanimous choice to win by an early knockout tonight in his scheduled 15-round battle with challenger Al McCoy in the 12th defence of his heavyweight crown.

One of the few dissenting opinions comes from the McCoy camp, where the Maine-born battler and his entourage are promising to give Louis a tussle over the entire route in this first heavyweight title battle ever to be fought in Boston or New England.

McCoy, who has worked harder than ever before to prepare for his shot at the champion, promises to be throwing punches right from the start.

"I never felt better than I do for this one," McCoy said. "I've got a hunch I can beat this boy and I'll be in there pitching all the way. You won't see me running any foot race."

Ray Aroel, who has compiled somewhat of a record himself in being in the corners of Louis' victims, feels that McCoy, whom he is handling for this one, will give the champion plenty of action.

OAK BAY GOLF

In the fourth men's monthly par competition at the Victoria Golf Club yesterday R. Peachey and J. P. Paret tied for first place each with scores of 3 down.

TERRIFIC PRESSURE

Under terrific pressure and in trouble when his drive hit a trap on the final hole, Nelson barely got out of the sand to the top of a hillcock with his second shot. With thousands pressing closer for a good look, he calmly whipped the ball 75 yards to the green, then putted up for a sure fire victory and the \$2,500 top cheque.

"A fellow can't feel tough finishing second to a golfer like that," commented Heafner. "He is the best in the world, hits the ball so straight that he seldom is in trouble."

Heafner had the peculiar experience of shattering par on four consecutive rounds and still losing. He opened with a 68, tucked on rounds of 67 and 69, and scored his second 68 yesterday.

Nelson really sewed up the tournament with a second round 65, a single stroke off the course record. He had a first round 69, a 67 Saturday and equaled par yesterday.

Jim Ferrier, Australian open champion, tied with Earl Christiansen, Miami policeman, at 287 for the amateur honors, necessitating an 18-hole playoff today. Both scored 73's yesterday.

'HEXTALL SECOND IN ICE SCORING

Bryan Hextall of New York Rangers scored three goals during the week-end to take second place among the National Hockey League's individual point-getters, one point behind the idle Bill Cowley of Boston. Ayl Apps, Toronto Maple Leafs, bagged a goal and two assists to move into third position.

Leaders follow:

	G.	A.	Pts.
Cowley, Boston	5	12	17
Hextall, Rangers	9	7	16
Apps, Toronto	7	8	15
Drillon, Toronto	8	6	14
Howe, Detroit	6	8	14
Watson, Rangers	3	11	14
R. Conacher, Boston	8	5	13

CITY WILL MEET

A special meeting of the Victoria City football team will be held tonight at 7.30 at the home of manager Charlie Lewis, 1420 Camosun.

Colgate, Eves Win Trophy at Colwood

In the final of the Dr. F. M. Bryant trophy competition at the Colwood Golf Club yesterday, Ted Colgate and F. A. Eves were the winners over Bert Osborough and Don Brake 5 and 4.

A turkey competition will be held at the club on Sunday. It will be 18 holes medal on full handicap. Competitors will arrange for their own partners and starting times.

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Toronto Makes Runaway With Another Twin Win

Canadiens, Rangers Winners

Week-end Scores

Toronto 2, Chicago 1
Toronto 4, Chicago 1
Canadiens 2, Detroit 1
Rangers 6, Americans 3

On a club whose excellence in all departments has made every man a star, the palm for at least the most improved performance could be awarded today to Walter (Turk) Broda, who is having by far the best of four National Hockey League seasons as custodian of the Toronto Maple Leafs nets.

Toronto added another pair of victories during the week-end to stretch their string to eight successive triumphs. Both were against Chicago and Broda held the Black Hawks to a total of two goals in the home and home series, giving the Leafs a 2 to 1 triumph in Toronto Saturday night and helping them repeat, 4 to 1, in Chicago last night.

The twin victories gave the Maple Leafs an eight-point lead over the second-place Detroit Red Wings, who were beaten, 2 to 1, by Montreal Canadiens in Detroit yesterday afternoon. In the other week-end match, New York Rangers moved closer to fourth position with a 6 to 3 victory over their intricacy rivals, the Americans.

GREAT RECORD

The two goals yielded to Chicago by Broda made it 24 times this season that opponents' shots have beaten him in 15 games, of which 13 have been victories for the Leafs and the other two losses.

In the Saturday night game before 10,989 fans in Toronto, Broda held the Black Hawks scoreless until late in the third period when Mush March caught the net.

In the N.H.L.'s first afternoon game at Detroit, the Canadiens spoiled matters for 9,332 Red Wings fans when Tony Demers gave them a victory with a goal in the last two minutes of overtime. Breaking a 1 to 1 deadlock, it came on a blazing shot that beat goalie Johnny Mowers from about 35 feet out.

Bryan Hextall scored three goals to lead the Rangers to the victory over Americans. A crowd of 14,789, the best turnout this season, watched the game which marked the 15th anniversary of the introduction of major league hockey to New York.

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Hockey Standings

N. H. L.

	W.	L.	T.	F.	A.	P.
Toronto	13	2	0	50	24	26
Detroit	7	4	4	36	29	18
Boston	5	5	3	44	33	13
Chicago	5	7	3	31	38	13
Rangers	5	7	2	37	38	12
Canadiens	4	8	2	29	41	10
Americans	3	9	2	24	48	8

COAST LEAGUE

	W.	L.	T.	F.	A.	P.
Spokane	9	5	2	41	38	20
Vancouver	7	6	2	46	38	16
Seattle	5	6	4	45	49	14
Portland	6	10	0	44	51	12

CHRISTMAS DAY SWIM IN HARBOR

B'rrrrr, here comes that Christmas Day swim in the Inner Harbor again!

The Victoria Amateur Swimming Club is sponsoring the "polar bear" plunge which will start at 11 in the morning and will cover a 50-yard course.

The event will be open to all registered swimmers and members of an affiliated club. Swimmers will be competing for the Capt. M. D. Harbord Cup.

Last year's winner, Gordon Cumming, will not defend his title. He is no longer living here. Two entries have been received already from Fred Pocock and Dave Franklin. Entries will be received at the Crystal Garden.

After the contestants leave the water, they will go to the Crystal Garden to thaw out with hot coffee and refreshments.

Showers and dressing rooms at the garden will be available through the courtesy of Robin Raymond, manager.

Rowe Stars as Gunners Victors

Sensational scoring by Hank Rowe featured the 35 to 27 victory of the 5th Brigade R.C.A. over the 6th D.C.O.R., Nanaimo, in their basketball game at the Willows Sports Centre Saturday night. Rowe sniped 12 field goals and potted one attempt from the foul strip for the handsome total of 25 points.

Outstanding for the visitors was Joa Kelly with 14 points, made up of six field attempts and two free shots. At halftime the Nanaimo cagers enjoyed a one-point margin, 17 to 16. Gunners put on the pressure in the third quarter and at its close were on top 26 to 20. In the final period the locals outscored the visitors 9 to 7.

In the local senior B men's tilt the 5th Brigade N.P.A.M. defeated the Chinese Students 26 to 23.

Other results, including the games at the High School, follow: Douglas Cafe 31, Navy 19. Y.M.C.A. 28, Cloverdale Aces 7. Chinese Students 24, Fairfield 23.

Chinese Students 28, Y.M.C.A. 12. Teams and scores in the inter-city army game follow: 5th (B.C.) Coast Brigade, R.C.A.—Whyte, Walls, Rowe 25, Martin 2, Collier 6, Shotten 2 and Bremner.

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Letters to the Editor

UNION NOW? ANY RED-BLOODED BRITISHER WOULD REBEL

To the Editor:—One of the timely topics of the hour on this continent seems to be "Union Now." As I write, I have before me a full page advertisement which appeared in the New York Times, Monday, August 19, 1940, for "Union Now."

In the first place it expresses a fear Hitler may get the British fleet, and that Britain may go down. Excerpts from the ad in question follow:

"What about our great new defence plans? They are mostly on paper. Our new Atlantic navy won't be finished for at least four years. . . . "Hitler can be here before the keels are laid." "We shan't have enough planes, tanks, guns trained men for adequate defence before 1942. Just ask yourself what Hitler is likely to do. Is he likely to wait until we are as strong as he is?"

"Is this defeatism? Despair? No. Because the British fleet still sails the seas under the Union Jack. Until it is sunk, scuttled or surrendered, we are as safe as if blitzkriegs had never been heard of."

"But by this time next month Hitler may have the British fleet. He may have blackmailed the English just as he blackmailed the French. The British spoiled his little game that time because they were on hand to do it. . . . but who is to fight the British fleet and keep it from giving itself up? The English cries of anguish will be just as heart-rending as the French. . . . the puppet government the Nazis will set up in London will be just as loud in asserting that it speaks for the people."

"What can we do about it? First, we can help prevent the conquest of Britain by sending the destroyers, planes, and torpedo boats which she needs desperately and which we will not need as long as Britain survives."

"But suppose they don't turn the tide. The only way we can be sure of saving the British fleet. . . . and America. . . . is through Union Now. We must offer this type of union to the English, get a binding acceptance from the present strong, anti-Nazi government with full authority to control the fleet and other mutual concerns vested in a joint council set up immediately on this continent, then no matter how the government of the British Isles changes it can no more surrender the naval, air or armed forces than the government of New York can surrender any of the armed forces of the American union."

"Only in this way can we make sure that the English resolution will be carried out to send the fleet to this side of the Atlantic if the British Isles are lost. . . . Only in this way can we make sure that the British fleet will continue to stand between this hemisphere and certain quick brutal conquest."

The ad then goes on to state the time has come to build a greater republic including the British Commonwealth, etc. . . . The government of this federal union to be set up in the United States, the latter according to population would be entitled to more votes than the British Commonwealth. One more excerpt: "Because whatever happened to the British Isles, the Atlantic Ocean would continue to be patrolled by the greatest sea power on earth. For the fleet would have its orders, not secret, but open irrevocable orders from the free cabinet and parliament of England to obey a higher authority in the western hemisphere."

There are statements in that ad against which every red-blooded Britisher will rebel.

In the first place, the Royal Navy is not built of the stuff which sinks, scuttles, or surrenders its sacred charge, it fights to the death. Neither Hitler or any other power will get the British fleet.

In the second place, Britain is not going down, neither is it possible to blackmail the British as the French were blackmailed, and it is too absurd to imagine a free cabinet and parliament of England acknowledging any higher earthly authority than its own, over its own affairs."

The "Union Now" may have modified its plans somewhat, but even a modified federal union on the basis proposed above will encounter strong opposition.

The highest and noblest type of union the world has ever known exists already in the British Commonwealth of Nations. What is to prevent that ideal system of union from expanding to include the United States of America? The Commonwealth consists of a company of nations, each free and independent, united only by the slender but unbreakable tie of the Crown. This and this alone is the tried and satisfactory system of union. Why are we expected to accept an alien ideal, which, in point of merit, cannot begin to measure up to our own?

Nearly 2,000 years ago, away in Palestine, an event took place

They'll Do It Every Time



which then decided the issue of this conflict, for it is definitely a war between the forces of good and evil. The latter cannot and will not win since Christ rose from the dead, thereby having overcome the forces of evil, which can never again wholly dominate the earth. Victory will be with those who are sacrificing and giving their all for righteousness and justice and freedom. Britain and those who have taken their stand by her side will be brought safely through.

In his broadcast on Sunday, December 1, Mr. J. B. Priestly remarked that Britain is passing through a shaking, and things which can be shaken are going down, never again will that country return to the old way of life. The shaking of this continent will yet come, Mr. Editor, though the manner thereof no one knows. God has placed upon Britain, and she has accepted, a sacred charge to humanity in these days. She cannot lessen or give up that charge. She is standing up to it, and daily seeing her way more clearly. She will not be invaded. God has a work for her to do. No puppet government of Hitler or any other dictator will ever be set up in that little island. It is an insult to the bravery, courage and tradition of the British people even to suggest the possibility. The V.C. goes to the man who, by his daring and courage merits it, not to the man who, in security and safety, builds the gun or airplane as the case may be.

Britain gave birth to the United States and is now holding the front lines of battle for her. Therefore, it is the sacred duty as well as the privilege of the United States to assist Britain by every means in her power, even to giving, yes, I mean giving, financial aid if need be, and she will do so, knowing it is for her own existence. Union is desirable, but not on a basis which is altogether alien to the ideals of the Commonwealth.

That which is proposed by "Union Now" is neither just or expedient. There'll always be a Britain in the same old spot, a Britain cleansed and purified, a Britain Greater and nobler than ever before, a Britain which will be a blessing to all humanity, and a Britain which will cherish the great heritage which God has bestowed upon her.

OLIVE A. BRAKE.
129 Beach Drive.

A PRESENT FOR ENGLAND

To the Editor:—I feel that it is almost a matter of duty to add one more voice to the large number who I am sure will congratulate you on your splendid suggestion that the people of British Columbia through their government make a mass present to our valiant kin in the British Isles. Who among us would grudge even a million-dollar present in home-grown fruit, etc.?

Mr. Pattullo was once moved to lead the House in singing, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." If he lives to be 100 he will never find a better time than the present to translate that sentiment into action.

W. G. BLACKMAN.
"The Gabies."

KEEP THE FLAG FLYING NIGHT AND DAY

To the Editor:—The Dirty Duster, and how dirty and bedraggled it often is, has always appealed to me as an emblem of our sea power, so with that background may I be permitted to depict a different angle in this Union Jack controversy.

As I understand the display of the Union Jack, large or small, by the civil population, is merely an emblem and the sole method of showing their feelings. It may be that some of the flags played from the day war was declared, and were even then old, with the sentiment back of them, that they would not be lowered till the war is over and won.

Personally I think the regula-

tions about flags should apply only to peacetime, and that during war the flag should be flown night and day—dirty or tattered, it's all the same to me, provided the sentiment behind it is faith in it. After all we do not cease to fight at sunset and begin again at sunrise.

Don't let us forget that our flag had its origin in the pennons of King Arthur's knights, which were used as rallying points when the cry "A moi, a moi" went up.

Raddled or not, the Union Jack is the emblem of our union and derring-do.

W. L. B. HILL, Capt.
28th Regiment (Retired).
1084 St. David Street.

A PRETTY BIG ORDER

To the Editor:—Britain's Home Secretary, Herbert Morrison, referring to postwar, said: "There must be no private monopolies, if monopolies there be. They must serve the state. We must look forward to a society that is rid of the twin pests of extreme riches and extreme poverty."

During the last war Mr. Lloyd George spoke about "making England a land fit for heroes to live in," but after he had served his usefulness he was pushed aside and the heroes sold shoe-laces in London streets to keep body and soul together. Is Mr. Morrison another government spokesman saying "You will be angels by and by?" Possibly the common people will have a more powerful voice in the next government.

It would be interesting to know how Mr. Morrison proposes to get rid of rich and poor—surely he is not thinking of Communism?

CHARLES WALKDEN.

ARTISTS CAN'T BE EXPECTED TO WORK FOR NOTHING

To the Editor:—Now that many have written their considered opinions on the Kipnis, Anne Jameson Armories concert in aid of the Lord Mayor of London's Fund and its overhead costs, one more opinion will not disturb the peaceful atmosphere of our community.

First it would seem—as the mayor has already said—that those who so strenuously demanded an accounting can now see that it is one of the few concerts where outside artists have been brought here, a surplus has been shown. We have in fact seen where Mrs. Cameron—an indefatigable worker in the interest of good entertainments—and a backer of outside artists—has stated she invariably did so at a loss.

It is difficult to believe that some of our people are so glib as to believe it is possible to bring such highly skilled artists, such as Kipnis, Anne Jameson and Norma Abernethy without expenses. Kipnis' fee is usually \$2,500. Professionals should be paid, and the most one can expect them to do is simply to lower their fees.

If you analyze the accounts already published it would seem that all were just and fair charges.

Another letter complained that a local pianist was not employed. Singing artists nearly always bring their own accompanists, and I am sure everyone who heard Miss Norma Abernethy's playing agreed she was one of the best heard in Victoria in a long time. Apart from this, Victoria pianists and singers, speakers and composers have had engagements in Vancouver and over CBR and CBC so that this is something we cannot be too parochial minded about. I might even go farther and say I know of a Victoria woman pianist who turned down a Vancouver engagement.

One factor overlooked by the critics is Miss Jameson and Miss Abernethy spent one extra day singing and playing to the patients in St. Joseph's and Jubilee Hospitals, surely no one will say

they were too highly paid. May I conclude by saying, those who care to will find the bright side to the Kipnis, Jameson concert far outweighs the doubtful and the Lord Mayor's Fund has benefited and we who listened to the fine singing and playing spent an enjoyable evening.

JOHN ROWLAND.
603 Superior St., Victoria.

\$55 A MONTH

To the Editor:—Mr. Merton, who has been fine enough to protest against the unbelievable \$55 monthly wage being paid temporary wartime male clerks in the Naval Dockyard, Esquimalt, by the Dominion government, is just another taxpayer who would like to see a little more of the public money—note that, the public money—paid to these needy temporary clerical men to bring their salary up to at least a decent \$100 a month. At the same time less public money spent on so many elaborate and costly temporary government buildings, etc., being built by workers receiving 90c an hour and up.

All that can be said for the Civil Service Commission is that it is an antiquated body whose joints creak. It is so out-of-date that it cannot adjust itself to modern times. It should be reformed or abolished immediately for the good of the country.

I quite agree with Mr. Merton that it is to the everlasting credit of the Victoria Daily Times that this excellent newspaper has publicized this paying of such a mean, paltry salary by the Dominion government, Ottawa, to the temporary wartime clerks in the Naval Dockyard, Esquimalt, from time to time.

T. BONE.

Burnside Road.

FOR THE CHILDREN

To the Editor:—In compliance with a request received from the Save the Children Organization headquarters in London, I am making this appeal to all residents of Vancouver Island, for donations of new or part worn clothing, in the full confidence that so worthy a cause will meet with a ready and most generous response.

All articles received will be shipped as early as possible to England for distribution among needy youthful victims of indiscriminate bombings from the air. No commendation of mine is necessary to enlist the sympathies and material support of the people of this island, for those little ones so ruthlessly deprived of home and necessities of life as their pathetic plight alone is a sufficiently strong claim on generous natures. Evidence of this has been seen in the fact that, although no formal appeal has hitherto been made for this cause, donations have been frequently received from residents of the city and island generally and such have been regularly transmitted to London headquarters.

This appeal is limited to gifts for children only, as the Overseas League and the Red Cross Superfluous executives are capable collecting and shipping clothing of all kinds for air raid victims.

Two very large crates of new and slightly worn clothing were recently shipped through me direct to headquarters. Included in the consignment was a large quantity of new and made-over children's and adults' wearing apparel, which we received from Mrs. Tiers of Falkland Road and her associates, and were designated for delivery to Lambeth Hospital which is adjacent to the London slum area for distribution.

I should like, in closing, to point out that, consequent on the death of Mr. Fred Landsberg (who had been for many years honorary treasurer to the organization for Vancouver Island) I was asked to carry on in his stead, and it is in that capacity I now make this earnest appeal on

behalf of the children air raid victims.

All parcels of children's wear will be gratefully received and may be left at the city clerk's office, City Hall, or at the Empire Realty Co. Ltd., 1008 Broad Street, Victoria, B.C.

WM. H. DAVIES.
Vancouver Island Treasurer,
1008 Broad Street, Victoria.

SCARING INVESTORS AWAY

To the Editor:—The Foreign

Exchange Control Board's regulations so far not in themselves such as to discourage prospective investors. But the departure from traditional foreign exchange practices, meritorious as they may be, is bound to suggest to U.S. capitalists the possibility of the first restriction being followed later by a multiplicity of other restrictions. That was the case in their own country under what they conceived to be an emergency.

There is no suggestion herewith that the board is likely to further restrict foreign exchange. The point is that, with the experience which U.S. investors have gone through for several years during which one regulation seemed to have multiplied itself into many as time went on, these investors have no way of knowing or feeling, as we do, that capital will not needlessly be hampered as in the United States by new and novel ideas in economics.

If there is any merit in this suggestion at all, it wouldn't take many frightened capitalists to neutralize the total saving claimed on tourist funds, especially when one considers that the prospective investment money would be a lifetime economic asset, as compared with the hit-and-run nature of the seasonal tourist dollar that has occasioned most of the worry so far in connection with this subject.

VICTOR CAMPBELL.
Winnipeg.



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Cigarette Cases, Novelties, Etc.	
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English Leather Cases	

For HER

Sports Jackets	17.50 to 37.50
Raincoats	15.00 to 40.00
Handkerchiefs	.25 to 1.50
Scarfs	.75 to 10.00
Gloves	1.00 to 7.50
Leather and Knitted Belts	1.50 to 2.50
Slippers, Jaeger	4.50 to 5.50
Sweaters	5.00 to 15.00
Golf Jackets, Rainproof	9.00 to 15.00

For HER

Suits, Tweed and Knitted	27.50 to 65.00
Overcoats	from 25.00
Sports Hats	3.50 to 9.50
Silk and Tartan Shirts	6.50 to 12.50
Handbags	from 5.00
Umbrellas	2.95 to 4.95
Ladies' Dressing Gowns	11.00 to 37.50
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Shirts	1.00 to 1.65
Sports Jackets	9.50 to 15.00
Zipper Windbreaks	3.00
Slacks (Tweeds and Flannels)	3.00 to 6.75
Leather Coats, 4 to 16 years	6.75 to 13.50
Muffles	1.25
Belts	.50 to 1.00
Sweaters (Some Sleeveless)	1.25 to 10.00
Handkerchiefs	3 for .25 to .25 each
Dressing Gowns	6.00 to 11.50
Trench Coats	12.00 to 20.00
Gauntlets	1.50 to 1.85
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3 Places Entered

Two places of business and a house were broken into over the week-end.

Articles of a total value of \$30 were from the Elementary Correspondence School, 521 Superior Street. Twenty-three dozen pencils, rubbers, four boxes of pens, two fountain pens and a number of automatic pencils were reported missing by Miss A. Miller. Detective Fearon Woodburn found entrance had been gained by the fire-escape stairway.

One gold bracelet and a gold chain were missing from a home in the 1200 block on Fairfield Road. Detectives Percy Richards and Louis Callan found entrance had been gained by breaking a small window in the front door to enable an arm to be put through to release the lock. Two bedrooms and the den were ransacked.

Nippon Cleaners, 738 Yates Street, were entered but so far no loss has been reported. Detective Woodburn found entry had been gained by breaking a window.

S. Nelson, 1438 Fort Street, reported to police his bluish-green overcoat, valued at \$40, containing a green scarf and key case, was stolen from the Shrine Auditorium, Saturday night.

Saanich, Ward Four, Ratepayers' Association, will meet in Seven Oaks Hall tonight at 8.

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No More Skating; Cold Snap Ending

"Hang your skates up again. You're not going anywhere!" is the message the weatherman told Victoria's ice-skating enthusiasts today.

The cold snap still holds on to the city's toes, but the grip is weakening fast, in fact it's due to let go tomorrow, according to the Gonzales forecaster.

"Come the clouds tomorrow and we'll all unfasten the top button on our overcoats," the weatherman advised. "With the clouds will come unsettled conditions," he added, hinting that a little rain might put in an appearance.

Nevertheless there was a little skating over the week-end. Best skating on the lower island was reported at Spectacle Lake on the Malahat. The Third Trestle pond on the old interurban line provided good skating for quite a large number of Victorians. Little Thetis Lake was popular, and several pairs of blades were skimming over the frozen pond at the fourth hole at Colwood Golf Club. Panama Flats on Carey Road cracked up badly, sending skaters elsewhere, and Quicks Pond, West Saanich Road, was not good.

Temperature Saturday hit a new low for the week at 31 degrees, but during the past 24 hours lowest temperature was 35 degrees. The mercury went as high as 37 degrees Saturday. Highest point touched on the thermometer in the last 24 hours was 40 degrees.

Weather has been moderately cold throughout the province, with sub-zero weather on the prairies.

Found Guilty on Indian Act Charges

Andrew Kennedy and James Barclay appeared in City Police Court this morning and were found guilty on charges of supplying Indians with an intoxicant, contrary to the Indian Act. Magistrate Henry C. Hall fined each \$50 or in default one month in jail.

Constables John Howe and John Blackstock, patrolling Johnson Street in a prowler car on Saturday, testified they saw Kennedy give Jimmie Fraser a drink from a bottle containing intoxicant, and James Barclay give Alec Thomas a drink from a similar bottle. The intoxicant in both cases was loganberry wine.

Peter Goudie pleaded guilty to a charge of being intoxicated in a public place and was sentenced to 30 days' hard labor.

Traffic fines in court today amounted to \$55. Twelve motorists were fined \$250 each for parking infractions. Two were fined \$10 each for speeding and another \$5 for parking closer than 10 feet from a fire hydrant.

Jean Ashmore Straight of 2060 Beach Drive is now one of the Canadian contingent at the University of Kentucky.

TOWN TOPICS

The Foul Bay Drill Squad will hold a reorganization meeting at St. Mathias' Hall, Richmond Road, on Thursday evening at 8, to which men of the district are invited.

Monthly meeting of the Victoria Music Teachers' Association will be held Wednesday at 10 at the Y.W.C.A. Eric Edwards, L.R.S.M., will speak on Christmas music.

Mrs. D. G. Downes will speak to the Victoria Club for Hard-of-Hearing Wednesday evening at the clubrooms, 1416 Douglas Street, on "Denmark Before the War."

A protest against the request of the Bishop of Victoria to the City Council for funds to assist St. Joseph's Hospital was received at the City Hall today from the Loyal Orange Association, Victoria County Lodge.

A permit for a nine-room, \$10,000 single family home at 1540 Despard Avenue was issued by the city building inspector's department today. The two-story structure is one of the largest homes undertaken this year.

Fairfield Horne, junior partner in a large prairie wholesale grocery business, and Mrs. Horne have reached the Empress Hotel from Lethbridge and will spend the winter here. After Christmas they will be joined by Mr. Horne's father. Mr. Horne owns a 6,000-acre ranch not far from Lethbridge and specializes in Aberdeen-Angus cattle and Percherons.

Tonight at 8 in the Campbell Building E. E. Richards will speak on "Astounding Prophecies" in which he will draw attention to the British push in Egypt and the coincidence of Biblical times and events. The German-Russian and Turkish reaction outlined in the prophecies, and given over the radio as news by Walter Winchell, will be discussed. Illustrations will be shown on the screen.

Extended leave over the Christmas holidays is the good news received by officers and ratings of the Royal Canadian Navy, who survived the H.M.C.S. Margaree disaster. The leave granted to the navy men after being rescued from the lost destroyer was to expire by the middle of next week, but Commore W. J. R. Beech, R.C.N., officer commanding the Pacific station, has been advised from Ottawa that it has been extended to December 27.

Famed Actress Holidays Here

Tallulah Bankhead, famed actress of the stage and screen, is enjoying a restful holiday in Victoria, guest of Mrs. Dola Cavendish and Mrs. M. Wingfield at "Journey's End."

She arrived yesterday from Portland with Mrs. Cavendish and will remain here until Saturday. It is her first visit to Victoria and she was delighted with the surroundings and the magnificent view of sea and mountains from the Wingfield home.

"She is having a real holiday—she is still in bed," said Mrs. Cavendish today at noon. "She just wants to rest."

Unfortunately, Mrs. Cavendish said, Miss Bankhead would not be able to remain in Victoria for Christmas. She must return to San Francisco by next Monday for the reopening of the Broadway success "The Little Foxes," in which she is starred.

"The company had a week's holiday and Miss Bankhead was kind enough to come and see us," Mrs. Cavendish said.

Tallulah Bankhead, in private life Mrs. John Emery, is the daughter of the late W. B. Bankhead, for years Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

St. Francis Order Elects Officers

At the annual meeting of the Third Order of St. Francis, held Sunday afternoon at St. Andrew's Cathedral, the following officers were elected for the coming year: Dr. J. L. Thompson, prefect; John O'Connell, master of novices; Miss Madeline Clay, mistress of novices; A. McCoy, secretary-treasurer. The committee comprises all the officers as well as William Mulcahy, M. J. Haley, George Elgin, Mrs. A. Grant and Miss W. Leavitt. This is a purely spiritual society, the object of which is to practice the lessons of penance and charity as laid down by their founder, the great St. Francis of Assisi.

Next Thursday morning there will be a Solemn Requiem Mass in St. Andrew's Cathedral, at 8, for the late Captain Fogarty Pegen, V.C., hero of the Jervis Bay, and also for other sailors who perished thus far, including the victims of the Margaree disaster.

Here Today on Rent Mission

Hon. William Melville Martin, federal rentals administrator and justice of the Court of Appeal of Saskatchewan, opened round-table discussions in the City Hall committee-room today on the Dominion government's rent-pegging legislation. Those in the picture above, from left to right, are: F. L. Shaw, city solicitor; Major M. K. Crockett, city lands commissioner; Mr. Justice Martin, Mayor Andrew McGavin and Hubert Lethaby, secretary of the Real Estate Board.

Shandley to Head Local Rent Board

Appointment of Judge H. H. Shandley as chairman of the three-man local board on rental control was announced today by Mr. Justice W. M. Martin, federal rentals administrator, who is here in the course of a Canadian tour to set up such boards.

The two other members of the unpaid body which will consider applications from Victoria, Oak Bay, Saanich and Esquimalt will be named later before Mr. Justice Martin leaves the city.

The local board will hear applications from both landlords and tenants who differ over rental changes put into force since January 1 last.

Representation on the board was sought today by delegates of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council, who presented a brief to the administrator. A delegation from the Real Estate Board of Victoria also tendered its views on rentals to Mr. Justice Martin.

CONSIDER LABOR

The administrator assured the trades and labor delegates the three-man board would include a delegate sympathetic to labor.

In addition to appointing local boards, his trip was made, Mr. Justice Martin said prior to discussions today, to secure opinions of mayors, aldermen, county court judges, real estate boards, tenant associations and other bodies on the rental question generally.

"It is difficult to compare rents," Mr. Justice Martin said. "I think on the whole they are lower on the Pacific coast than in eastern Canada. Your costs of construction appear to be lower."

He referred to the inequalities existing everywhere on rental matters, noting landlords or owners usually applied no set system to fixing prices, but took what they could get.

The other pegging rents in various sections of Canada at the figures existing last January still left the door open for variations under special circumstances, he said.

Relief cases provided a special class, he added, suggesting a maximum rental might be fixed for them with arrangements made with the authorities for certain refunds.

One of the main difficulties facing boards seeking to establish a fair rental was the construction placed on the value of the investment. Property owners who built during the boom were inclined to value their holdings at boom construction prices and to ignore present conditions, he said.

TRADES COUNCIL HEARD

The Trades and Labor Council delegation, including Edwin F. Fox, president; Ernest Belton, secretary, and Charles Chivers, executive officer, presented a brief in which charges were made rentals had been raised from 10 to 55 per cent this year. The council had been inundated with personal protests, the brief continued. It mentioned certain specific cases of alleged flagrant disregard of federal rental regulations and stated it had evidence to support protests against such actions.

Mr. Fox declared the rental question was particularly serious in Esquimalt, where, he claimed, the widow of a victim of H.M.C.S. Margaree sinking had been given harsh treatment.

Mr. Justice Martin, noting similar complaints had been made elsewhere, said he did not think existing regulations could provide penalties for the last-mentioned case.

Rent, he said, was fixed on the property and could not be raised to a new occupant, except under special circumstances, when one tenant vacated. The federal order had the effect of law and the local board would be a court

only in fixing rentals. He thought conditions in Victoria less severe than in other centres.

REAL ESTATE BOARD

In a more detailed brief, Major H. C. Holmes, R. H. Shanks and Hubert Lethaby, representing the Real Estate Board, sought an extension of time in which applications could be filed to the local board for adjustment. They asked that the date be set at February 28 instead of December 31. Mr. Justice Martin suggested they ask Ottawa for an extension until January 31.

The real estate group asked that the local rent control board be given as wide powers as possible, and that depreciation, obsolescence, vacancies, bad debts, repairs, redecoration and the burden of relief tenancy be considered in the establishment of maximum rentals.

The board submitted pictures of local houses on which applications had been filed, described local taxation systems and the danger of forfeiture through non-payment of municipal levies.

Delegates stated rents in Victoria were low in relation to values and expenses, low in comparison to accommodation provided and raised justified on the basis of increased incomes. Costs, they added, had increased materially through increased labor and material expenses.

"Rent profiteering, as far as gouging, is nonexistent in Victoria," Major Holmes declared.

In reply to a question, Mr. Justice Martin stated the control order made provision for special circumstances in which rents could be raised in the 20 or 30 areas established in Canada.

The administrator mentioned the possibility it might become necessary to peg rents throughout Canada. If such a course were required, it would be virtually impossible to continue the present system of local boards, he said.

Protest Closing Of Beacon Hill

Directors of the Victoria Automobile Club strongly disapproved a proposal from the parks committee of the City Council to close Beacon Hill Park to car traffic between 7 in the evening to 7 in the morning in winter, 8 in the morning in spring, and 10 in the evening to 7 in the morning for the rest of the year.

An emergency meeting was called by the directors Saturday noon when a resolution was drafted, a copy of which was to be sent to the City Council.

The city parks committee purpose in proposing closing of the park between the hours stated was to curb destruction of trees, shrubs and flower beds.

The automobile club said a 24-hour efficient police supervision should be adequate to prevent any such destruction which was more likely to be caused by young hoodlums rather than motorists.

A great many motorists used the roadways of the park in driving to other parts of the city from the outer docks, Dallas Road, and other areas, the club asserted.

"Why close the park to motorists and allow pedestrians to continue using its roadways. That is discriminating," they argue.

The resolution of protest was moved by W. T. Straith, M.P.P., and seconded by Atwell D. King. Also present at the meeting were: J. V. Johnson, president; T. J. Goodlake, S. M. Armstrong, H. E. Douglas, W. J. Clark, W. P. D. Pemberton and F. G. Mulliner.

Close Scrutiny Of Rowell Plans

Senior members of the British Columbia cabinet are devoting almost their entire efforts in the year-end period to intensive study of the Rowell-Sirois report in preparation for the Dominion-provincial conference in Ottawa in January.

The government's general attitude toward the proposals in the report was given in the Legislature recently, but department heads are now dealing with the enormous mass of detail involved in getting ready the government's case for the conference.

According to the present plans the British Columbia delegation will leave immediately after the New Year, probably January 4, for the federal capital, where the conference opens on January 14. Premier Pattullo will head the party, which includes Hon. John Hart, Minister of Finance; Attorney-General Gordon Wismer, Hon. G. M. Weir, Provincial Secretary, and Hon. G. S. Pearson, Minister of Labor.

On the shoulders of Finance Minister Hart rests a large part of the burden for the discussions. The crux of the Dominion-provincial problem concerns finances. Treasury experts are putting the Rowell-Sirois proposals under the closest scrutiny, examining the possible repercussions of each phase.

As indicated in the House by Premier Pattullo, it is expected one of the main principles which British Columbia will seek to establish at the conference is that no settlement arrived at should be considered final until after the war.

During the conflict extraordinary steps may be needed to finance the country's war effort, the cabinet feels. In this atmosphere the provinces may be ready to surrender various rights. But, the feeling here is that a permanent settlement should be left to calm consideration in peacetime.

In the meantime, however, the cabinet is studying every angle of the commission's proposals so that it will be aware how each affects the provincial economy.

ICY ROADS ARE CAUSE OF MISHAPS

Icy road conditions resulted in several accidents over the week-end. No personal injuries were suffered.

A new car being driven toward town on the Island Highway Saturday was badly damaged when it skidded on the icy surface in the Goldstream area and plunged 20 feet down a ravine. The driver escaped injury. The car's plunge was halted when it stuck between the two walls of the ravine.

At 11:25 on Saturday night, Ronald McMillan, Burnside Road and Granville Street, was involved in an accident with three cars just north of the Hudson's Bay Company. The car he was driving was considerably damaged. According to the police report McMillan collided with cars owned by Gordy Perkins, 350 Gorge Road; G. W. Bentham, 738 Wilson Street, and John Kinsey, 454 Gorge Road, which were parked in front of the Auto Stop Coffee Shop.

A fire plug at corner of Caledonia Avenue and Quadra Street was snapped off at the base when a car driven by Victor Macchi skidded Saturday night at 11. The driver was not hurt.

A car driven by R. S. Yates was damaged at 10:25 Saturday night when it skidded on Fort Street between Cook Street and Linden Avenue and struck a lamp standard. The pole was snapped off at the base.

Cars driven by R. A. MacDonald, 1416 Yates Street, and W. Thompson collided at Yates and

Obituaries**GEORGE H. MURTON, PIONEER, DIES**

George Henry Murton, aged 76, died on Saturday at the Ross Nursing Home, 617 Douglas Street, after a long illness.

Born in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Mr. Murton was one of a large family which moved to Victoria about 50 years ago. For some years he was engaged in the hand-logging industry on the island, and in 1898 made a trip into the Yukon with a party headed by Capt. George Kirkendall, where they spent a year prospecting in little-known country.

Mr. Murton was also one of the pioneers of the Comox district, where he engaged in farming for some years.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by the S. J. Curry and Son Funeral Home.

BAYLISS—The funeral of Jos. Bayliss will be held tomorrow afternoon at Sands Funeral Home at 2 following by interment at Royal Oak.

COLE — Mrs. Annie Lillian Cole, wife of Arthur Cole, 1719 Lee Avenue, died Saturday afternoon at St. Joseph's Hospital. She was born in Kildonan, Man., and had been a resident of this city for 49 years. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 from McCall Bros. Funeral Home. Rev. F. R. G. Dredge will officiate. Interment at Colwood.

FOYLES — George Harold Fowles of 370 Beach Drive died Sunday at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, aged 43. He was born in Vancouver, but for a number of years had resided in Montreal, returning to this city two years ago. A veteran of the Great War, he served overseas with the 4th Division for three years. He was a member of the Masonic order. Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 from S. J. Curry & Son Funeral Home, followed by cremation at Royal Oak.

WILLS — Mrs. Charles Willis, 42, prominent in club and social-service work in Vancouver for many years, died suddenly last night at the home of her father, Henry Relfel, in Vancouver. She was born in Nanaimo. Besides the widower, Capt. N. C. K. Willis, she is survived by a son, Charles Henry.

MORLEY—The funeral of Mrs. Edith Morley was held on Saturday afternoon from Sands Mortuary Chapel, Rev. E. W. Robinson officiating. Interment was at Royal Oak, pallbearers being: G. Clemon, J. W. de Bald, Sergt. A. McKinnon, L. C. J. O. Swann, Sergt. J. G. Marshall and A. G. Stevens.

NEAVE—Funeral services for Henry Edward Neave were held Saturday afternoon in McCall Bros' Funeral Chapel. Rev. George Biddle conducted the services. Interment at Colwood, with the following as pallbearers: A. Phillips, J. Laliberte, F. Clements and L. P. Emerson.

MEUGENS—The funeral of Margaret Matilda Meugens took place Saturday afternoon from Sands Mortuary Chapel, Rev. Daniel Walker officiating. Interment was at Royal Oak, pallbearers being: W. Davies, F. Barrett, J. Trace, A. Burroughs, L. Hayes and C. Morgan.

McBRYER—Mrs. J. C. Buchan, 1912 Neil Street, has received word of the death of her father, J. McBryer Sr., at Cleland Hospital, Glasgow, Scotland, yesterday, after a long illness. Mr. McBryer lived in Victoria for some time, and was for eight years janitor and engineer at Victoria College, before returning to his native country 12 years ago.

EARL—Mrs. Annie Earl of 2518½ Wark Street, died yesterday at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, aged 48 years. She was born in London, England, and been a resident of this city for 25 years. Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel; interment at Royal Oak.

Christmas bonuses for people on relief will be paid with the regular December cheques, E. W. Griffiths, relief administrator for the province, said today. The extra allowance amounts to \$3.20 for a family and \$1.20 for single persons.

An appeal was issued by Walter McMicking, city electrician, today, to parents and guardians of small boys with air rifles to prevent their children or wards from breaking lamps about the city, particularly in the Dallas Road area. During the year, Mr. McMicking said, between \$200 and \$300 worth of damage has been done to lamps. Prior to last week-end five lamps were renewed on Dallas Road. This morning five more were found smashed.

Cook Street at 1:10 Sunday morning.

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District Warden Col. G. B. Scott, C.B., D.S.O., has arranged for the examination of the first aid class to take place at Tillikum School on Thursday evening at 8.

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and Gilbert Roland at the Plaza Theatre.

An emergency air base on a south Pacific island and a nearby jungle island, rivers infested with crocodiles, provide the background for the story which introduces the heroine while she is flying through a tropical hurricane.

Elmer Clifton directed "Isle of Destiny," which is an RKO Radio release. Others in the cast include Katherine DeMille, Grant Richards and Tom Dugan.

On the same program will be Will Fyffe in "They Came By Night."

Carpet Bowling

Results of matches in the Victoria Carpet Bowling League follow:

A Section

Britannia Royals 18, Britannia Maple Leafs 21.

S.O.E. Lions 16, Britannia Horseshoes 13.

C. G. Burnside 16, C. G. Spades 17.

S.O.E. Repulse 11, S.O.E. Lions 21.

Britannia Maple Leafs 16, C. G. Burnside 20.

Britannia Horseshoes 21, Britannia Royals 14.

B Section

Britannia Stars 13, C.G. Owls 17.

C. G. Ramblers 18, Britannia Buddies 17.

C. G. Owls 2, Britannia Ramblers 11.

Britannia Rangers 13, Britannia Stars 16.

Britannia Stars 18, C. G. Ramblers 15.

Britannia Ramblers 22, Britannia Rangers 15.

S.O.E. Renown 15, C. G. Owls 23.

LEAGUE STANDING (First Half)

A Section

C. G. Spades 5 0 1 11

S.O.E. Lions 4 2 0 8

S.O.E. Repulse 3 2 1 7

Brit. Horseshoes 3 3 0 6

C. G. Burnside 3 3 0 6

Brit. Maple Leafs 2 4 0 4

Britannia Royals 0 6 0 0

B Section

C. G. Owls 5 1 0 10

S.O.E. Renown 4 1 1 9

Britannia Stars 3 2 1 7

Brit. Rangers 2 3 1 5

C. G. Ramblers 2 4 0 4

Brit. Ramblers 2 4 0 4

Britannia Buddies 1 4 1 3

'MY LOVE CAME BACK' AT ATLAS

One of the most charming films of the season, Warner Bros. "My Love Came Back," today at the Atlas Theatre, is a sparkling Hollywood product that puts Jeffrey Lynn in the front ranks of actors headed for top flight stardom.

Playing opposite Oliva de Havilland, Lynn has an excellent opportunity to display the effervescent personality that first demanded attention in "Four Daughters." The clean-cut, handsome fellow has gone far in his short time in films.

'SLAVE SHIP' ON SCREEN AT RIO

William Faulkner wrote the story "Slave Ship," 20th Century-Fox's spectacular sea drama coming today to the Rio Theatre, featuring a matchless cast of stars, thousands of players, and the fury-racked adventure of the last slave's last voyage. Warner Baxter and Wallace Beery are starred, with Elizabeth Allan and Mickey Rooney heading the cast.

'REMEMBER?' NEW OAK BAY SHOW

"Remember?", starring Robert Taylor and Greer Garson, with Lew Ayres, opens at the Oak Bay Theatre today.

It's a tonic for every member of the family, one of the gayest romantic comedies of modern married life.

Taylor tops any past performance in the role of a young advertising executive who falls in love with his pal's fiancée at first sight, marries her after a whirlwind elopement, and then calls for help.

Where to Go Tonight

(An Advertiser)

ATLAS—Olivia de Havilland and Jeffrey Lynn in "My Love Came Back."

CADET — "Honeymoon in Bali" with Madeline Carroll.

CAPITOL — "Lucky Partners," starring Ronald Colman and Ginger Rogers.

DOMINION—"Men Against the Sky," starring Richard Dix.

OAK BAY—Greer Garson and Robert Taylor in "Remember."

PLAZA — "They Came By Night," starring Will Fyffe.

RIO — Warner Baxter in "Slave Ship."

YORK — Otto Kruger in "Housemaster."

PARIS NIGHT LIFE FEATURED AT YORK

Paris, the gay resort of the world's gayest playboys, is the colorful background of the new Alliance drama, "One Night in Paris," which will open tomorrow at the York Theatre. And, of course, the gayest spot in all Paris is backstage at a theatre, famous the world over for its daringly sensational film shows. "One Night in Paris" is laid in just such a spot on the opening night of M. Renol's most daring extravaganza. The complications of the drama arise from Renol's romantic attachment to his star, who has supplanted one of the producer's former flames in the leading role of the play. For the discarded star is a fiery vixen who is not accustomed to taking a setback without a fight. And fight she does with all the insidious weapons of a beautiful woman who is scorned by a man whom she still loves.

Judy Kelly and Joan Marion are the ladies in the case, and John Lodge, Hugh Williams and Wallace Geoffrey are among the men

FRED MACMURRAY AT THE CADET

Fred MacMurray and Madeleine Carroll are teamed in Paramount's comedy romance, "Honeymoon in Bali," which will open tonight at the Cadet Theatre, with Allan Jones in a co-starring role, and Helen Broderick, Osa Massen, Carolyn Lee, four-year-old child "find," and Akim Tamiroff in the supporting cast.

The picture tells a story which leads from New York to Nassau to Bali with Fred, an adventurer, in pursuit of Madeleine, career girl.

CAPITOL THEATRE

A sweetest ticket, a synthetic honeymoon, life in Greenwich Village, a hero and a heroine in the persons of Ronald Colman and Ginger Rogers, make "Lucky Partners," now at the Capitol Theatre, as delightful a modern laugh-drama as ever was transferred to celluloid.

Colman plays an artist who contends that every marriage should begin with a honeymoon. Since an insurance man, fiancé of Miss Rogers doesn't believe in such foolishness, the artist insists that if Ginger's sweetest ticket wins, he must be allowed to take the girl on a strictly platonic trip to some of the nation's beauty spots before she settles down to matrimony.

In the more important roles. Others in the cast are Edmond Breon, Geoffrey Sumner, Steve Geray, Edward Chapman and Joss Ambler. "One Night in Paris" was written by F. McGrew Willis and directed by Walter Summers. Willy Schmidt Gentner directed the music for the production. A chorus of film beauties in typical French costumes appear in the spectacular stage numbers of the show within the drama.

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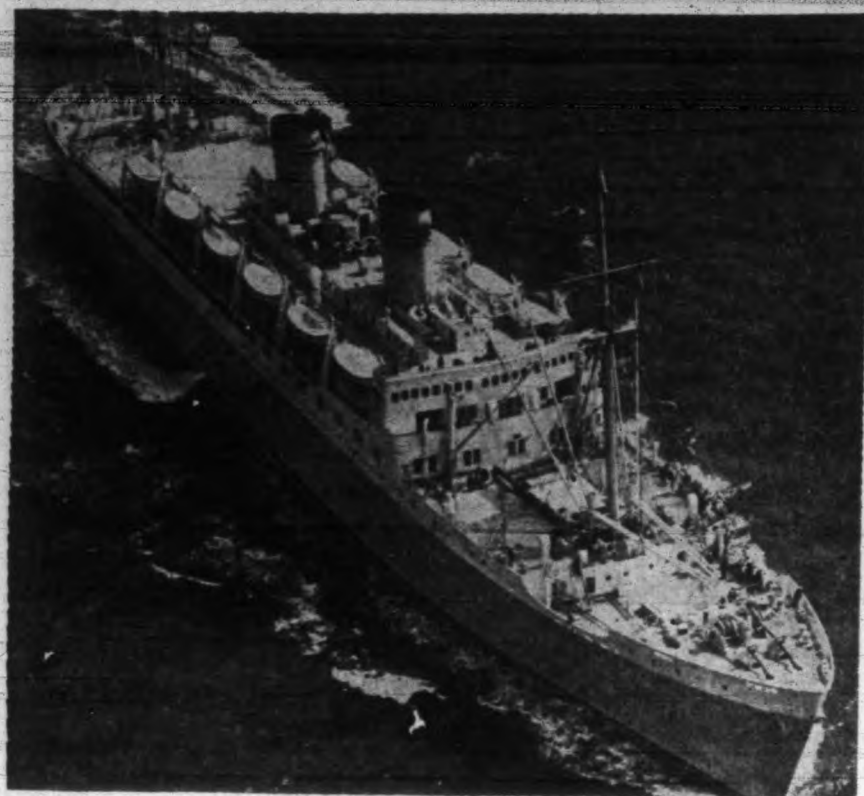
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LUXURY LINER REPORTED SUNK—Norway's finest ship, the 18,673-ton Oslofjord, which carried Hon. J. L. Ralston, Minister of National Defence, to England, was sunk by mine off Newcastle, it is reported in New York. After landing Mr. Ralston and Maj. Gen. H. D. G. Crerar, chief of staff, as well as some service men, the ship was sunk on December 11, according to the report. Built in Bremen in 1938, she accommodated 800 passengers and was noted for her luxurious appointments. When she left an eastern Canadian port, her striped stacks were, like the rest of her, painted a dull color.

Eastbound TCA Flight Originated Here Today

Taking off from the Patricia Bay airport at 9 this morning a Lockheed 14, carrying passengers, mail and express, originated the first Trans-Canada Airlines flight eastward from Victoria.

The nine passengers who boarded the ship here, together with the mail and express, were brought across the gulf from Vancouver by Ss. Princess Elizabeth, arriving here at 7 from the mainland.

Dense fog, which enveloped Vancouver over the week-end, was responsible for the decision of Trans-Canada Airlines to make this city a transcontinental terminal. The fact that Victoria has been absolutely free of fog while Vancouver has been heavily blanketed for three days, points to the suitability of this port for all-year-round flying.

The plane which soared into a clear sky at the Patricia Bay airport this morning with transcontinental passengers and mails for Montreal, was the first of two planes which reached here yesterday from the east, one at noon and the other an hour later.

Both ships remained here overnight, the pilots being quartered at the R.C.A.F. station. The combined list of passengers, six from the first plane and 10 from the second, were brought into the city by C. and C. bus, Wallace G. Courtney, T.C.A. agent, arranging for their transportation to Vancouver.

The 155 Canadian Pacific steamer Princess Kathleen was held here half-an-hour to accommodate the T.C.A. travelers bound to Vancouver.

Luncheon was served to the first group at the Sidney Hotel, and while they were eating the

second westbound plane had passed over the Sea Island station, unable to find a hole through which to land. On arriving here the passengers, who saw nothing of Vancouver in a mid-day pea soup fog, were amazed to find sun shining brilliantly in a clear sky over Victoria.

The fact that the plane scheduled to reach Vancouver from the east at 10:50 at night, was held until daylight at Lethbridge, brought two transcontinental planes into Victoria virtually together Saturday and Sunday. The latter plane was the one scheduled to reach Vancouver at 11:35 mid-day.

At 10 this morning the second plane, which remained here overnight, took off for Vancouver, deadheading.

When today's westbound plane was over Sea Island the fog blanket was still dense there and the ship was ordered to continue on here.

The big ship was set down on the Patricia Bay runways at 11:30 with nine passengers aboard.

The workers, members of the A.F.L.-Lumber and Sawmill Workers' Union, late yesterday ratified an agreement whereby they obtain a 5 cents an hour wage increase and one week's vacation with pay. They had been seeking a 7 cents an hour boost.

The settlement was made possible when a temporary agreement was reached with the Fork Logging Company at Mineral, and the union's local at Morton released the Tacoma union from a pledge to remain out until the strike at Morton was settled.

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"2. The announcement that survivors of a ship have been picked up may enable the enemy to make an attack upon the rescue ship."

"3. The announcement that the survivors of a ship are still in boats may enable the enemy to make contact with the boats and, if he so desires, to take prisoners, some or all of the survivors."

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Wheat

WINNIPEG (CP)—Wheat futures held firm today on Winnipeg Grain Exchange despite a sharp decline at Chicago. At the close values were 1/2 cent lower, December at 73 1/2, May 77 1/2 and July 79.

Traders offered a fair amount of support throughout the day, with buying chiefly in the May future. There was a suggestion that exporters were in the market, buying for shipments to the United Kingdom, but this could not be confirmed.

Other dealings were unimportant, with some routine spreading, and a few local purchases. Offerings continued light.

Prices slumped sharply at Chicago, where there was a general lack of interest and reports of more favorable conditions in the United States winter wheat belt. Shortly before the close values were 1 1/2 cents lower at Chicago. Buenos Aires was stronger, advancing 1/2 cent.

Trading in cash wheat was dull. Sales were on the odd-car basis for shipment east. Spreads held unchanged.

In the coarse grain pit shippers were buyers of oats, while crushers sought flax, but sales were few. Generally, trade was routine. Prices moved within a comparatively narrow range.

Wheat—P. C. Open High Low Close	Barley—P. C. Open High Low Close
Dec. 73 1/2 73 1/2 73 1/2 73 1/2	Dec. 42 1/2 42 1/2 42 1/2 42 1/2
May 77 1/2 77 1/2 77 1/2 77 1/2	May 45 1/2 45 1/2 45 1/2 45 1/2
July 79 1/2 79 1/2 79 1/2 79 1/2	July 48 1/2 48 1/2 48 1/2 48 1/2

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Roosevelt Cools Market

NEW YORK (AP)—The stock market suffered a mild case of chills today, and leading issues were shaken down fractions to around 2 points.

Curbing potential buyers, brokers said, was the desire to await clarification of the President's comment when he left Warm Springs that he would be back in March "if the world survives."

Reynolds Tobacco "B" dipped to a new 1940 bottom. Prominent on the offside were U.S. Steel, Bethlehem, Chrysler, International Harvester, American Telephone, American Smelting, Eastman Kodak and U.S. Gypsum.

(By H. A. Humber Ltd.)

Dow Jones averages closed today as follows:
30 Industrials 131.07, off 1.24
20 rails 27.62, off 0.23
20 utilities 19.92, off 0.22
Total sales, 660,000 shares.

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OUR BOARDING HOUSE, with Major Hoople



OUT OUR WAY

By Williams



Uncle Ray

Antarctic Now Has Sunshine at Midnight

We are having short days in our part of the world this month, but there is a place where you might go right now and have sunshine day and night.

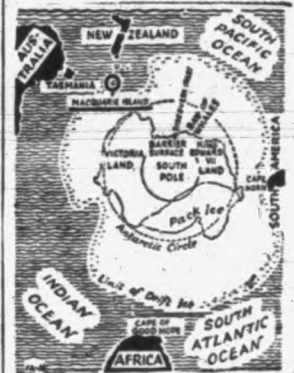
I am thinking of the Antarctic. It is what some persons call "the bottom of the world." At its centre is the South Pole.

If the Antarctic has a summer season, that summer is taking place right now. The thermometer is perhaps 20 degrees below zero, but there's sunshine at the time we call midnight.

Next June the story will be different. The Antarctic will be really cold. There will be no sunshine, and the temperature will go down to from 50 to 70 degrees below zero.

The south frigid zone has far more "land surface" than the north frigid zone. Around the North Pole we find vast stretches of water. The water may be filled, or almost filled, with ice, but the ice does not rest on solid ground.

Around the South Pole, on the other hand, we have a vast stretch of land. At least the masses of snow and ice are believed to rest on layers of solid ground, or rock.



The area around the South Pole is called "the Antarctic continent." It is larger than Australia—one and three-fourths times as large.

The Antarctic has no native inhabitants. So far as is known, it never was the home of any tribe, and this is another way it differs from the northern end of the earth. In the Arctic region are some thousands of Eskimos, but there are none in the Antarctic.

The only people in the Antarctic are those who go there for visits. From time to time, parties of white men have gone down there. Among them have been Admiral Byrd and his comrades. For months on end they have made their headquarters in a district called "Little America."

Those who visit the Antarctic fill their ships with supplies and "take off" from some harbor at the southern end of South America, or from Australia or New Zealand.

Near the limit of the drift ice around the Antarctic Circle is Macquarie Island. It is about three miles wide and 20 miles long. This island has no people, but it has been called "a wonderland of bird and seal life, a natural zoo of penguins, sea birds and sea elephants."

HOROSCOPE

Benefic aspects rule today. The morning should be most favorable for intellectual work and lucky for making plans regarding the future.

Women are under the influence of kindly stars, which encourage hospitality, holiday preparation and Christmas shopping. Girls may expect much romance, for suitors are to be many among young men in the army, navy and air force. Quick wooings and hasty marriages may be numerous this winter. This is a favorable way under which to discover the true character of men and women.

There will be a widespread demand for men and women trained in mechanical vocations. Science is to make progress in caring for the unfit and preventing the increase of the mentally weak.

The United States is to be even more of a good neighbor in the friendly relations maintained with our country as unity of democratic aims is recognized.

Russia continues under a sinister rule of the stars. The chart of Moscow places Neptune in an aspect believed to remove foreign points of view from the possibility of sympathetic understanding. Stalin has an ill omen in his horoscope.

Persons whose birthdate it is have the augury of a year of average good fortune, but it will be wise to obtain longer rest and to refrain from worry.

Children born on this day probably will be strongly individual, ambitious and intuitive. If born in the morning they will be especially fortunate all through life.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



ANSWER: That great aggregation of baseball fans who continue to talk baseball throughout the winter.

Dorothy Dix's Letter Box

DEAR DOROTHY DIX—I am a widow past 50 and have a friend a few years older. Each of us have three children, all married. My friend and I have gone out together a great deal for several years, as we have the same interests and all of our friends have taken it for granted that we would marry. I would be glad to marry him, but he tells me that he does not ever expect to marry again. This puts me in a rather embarrassing position with my friends and I don't know whether to give him up or not in order to stop their speculating on the subject. If I did, I would be terribly lonely, as I would miss his companionship very much, and have nobody to take me out. What would you advise?

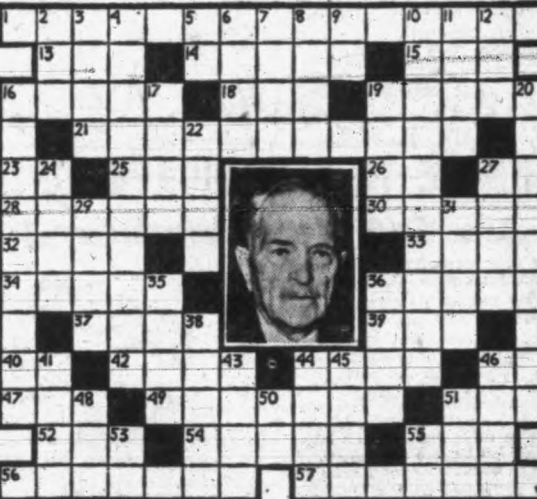
TROUBLED READER.

Answer: Don't think of breaking off your friendship with this nice man just because your neighbors speculate about whether it is going to end in matrimony or not. Just laugh and tell them that you think that being a widow is such a nice, comfortable, peaceful estate that you haven't any notion of changing it.

When one's children are married, as yours are, they are so busy with their own affairs they haven't very much time for mother and you would have many lonely hours, except for the companionship of your friend. Don't throw away this pleasure just because of a little natural and not unkindly gossip.

And, anyway, how do you know how your little affair is going to end? Friendship often warms up into love and many a man who swore he would never marry again does so.

Today's Crossword Puzzle



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| in last World | (abbr.) | 3 Back of neck. | career as a |
| War. | 47 Breakfast food | 4 Improvement. | soldier. |
| 13 School of | 49 Personal | 5 Preposition. | 17 To close. |
| whales. | contribution. | 6 Burbot (fish). | 19 Crispness. |
| 14 Sycophant. | 51 Boy. | 7 Young salmon | 20 Curtailed. |
| 15 Shield. | 52 Male sheep. | 8 To prepare | 22 Paradise. |
| 16 Expectations. | 54 Swimming | for printing. | 24 Death notice. |
| 18 Three. | fowls. | 9 Railway | 27 Writes. |
| 19 Lets it stand. | 55 Portuguese | (abbr.) | 29 Building sites. |
| 21 Emboldened. | coin. | 10 Departure | 31 Metal string. |
| 23 Nay. | 56 He has— | from | 35 Coagulum. |
| 25 Old garment. | from active | orthodoxy. | 36 Rabbit. |
| 26 Measure of | service. | 11 Frosted. | 38 Funeral song. |
| area. | | | 41 Ugly monster. |
| 27 Italian stream | | | 43 Told an |
| 28 Child | | | untruth. |
| dedicated to | | | 44 Banana. |
| religious work | | | 45 Newspaper |
| 30 Energy. | | | paragraph. |
| 32 Disturbance of | | | 46 Ketch. |
| peace. | | | 48 Gun. |
| 33 Notch. | | | 50 Common verb. |
| 34 Garret. | | | 51 Rumanian |
| 36 Mare. | | | coins. |
| 37 Bartered. | | | 53 Musical note. |
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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COLWOOD

A successful year's work of the St. John's Woman's Auxiliary was shown when the reports were read of the year's work at the annual meeting.

Rev. P. J. Disney presided during the election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, Mrs. W. M. Brown; vice-presi-

dent, Mrs. R. W. Robinson; secretary, Mrs. G. A. Harris; treasurer, Mrs. F. Parker; thankoffering secretary, Mrs. J. W. Little; Living Message secretary, Mrs. E. Emery; social service and Dorcas secretary, Mrs. T. Millburn; junior superintendent, Mrs. H. F. LeQuenne; delegates to diocesan board, Mesdames R. W. Robinson and G. A. Harris.

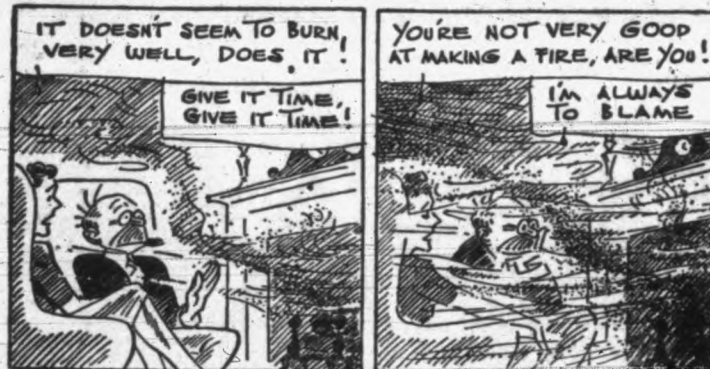
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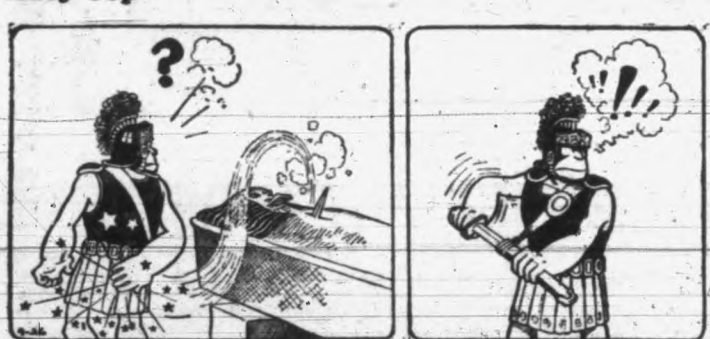
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Alley Oop



Freckles and His Friends



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Hitler Sends Envoy to Vichy

VICHY (AP)—German Ambassador Otto Abetz, Hitler's representative in Paris, arrived here today with his staff.

Abetz and his entourage were given military honors by a French detachment when they crossed the Allier River bridge into Vichy. Observers expressed belief that his visit was extremely important for future negotiations between Germany and France.

They expected him to inform the French government of Germany's attitude towards the dismissal of Pierre Laval as Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister. Abetz is the first important German official to visit Vichy since the armistice.

L. G. Sees Churchill

LONDON (CP)—David Lloyd George, first Great War Prime Minister, had a long conference today with Prime Minister Churchill.

Santa's Secrets



New Saanich Reeve and Councillors



L. H. PASSMORE
Reeve-elect



J. LEONARD HOBBS



JOHN WATSON



KENNETH W. RICHMOND

Municipal Polls

Passmore Wins Saanich Contest

Councillor Leslie H. Passmore, Ward Seven representative on the Saanich Council for five years, was elected reeve of the municipality when he defeated Councillor J. R. Scoby after a keen contest in Saturday's election.

Councillor Passmore won by a majority of approximately 170 votes.

While there was also an election in Esquimalt on Saturday, it did not include a reeveship contest. Alex Lockley having won re-election by acclamation.

Oak Bay did not have an election, all public offices this year being filled by acclamation, with W. Len Woodhouse elected to the reeveship.

In Saanich John Watson was elected representative for Ward One, beating five opponents. J. Leonard Hobbs was Ward Three

voters' choice to represent them on the council, while Kenneth W. Richmond was elected councillor in Ward Seven. James Day was elected police commissioner in the municipality.

The library plebiscite, which was turned down in a previous Saanich election, carried this time by a big majority. There were 1,545 for it, 777 against it. This vote gives the council permission to enter into an agreement with the Victoria Public Library Board to secure library service for the municipality at a cost estimated at 50 cents a year per property owner and not to exceed \$1 a year per property owner.

Three councillors and a police commissioner were elected in the Esquimalt election.

A. H. Dobson, a photographer, headed the poll to secure a council seat, while Councillors J. F. A. Christensen and Albert Heald were re-elected to their council seats. Three candidates were entered for the police commission seat, D. W. Barker, storekeeper, being elected.

Only 30 per cent of Saanich voters cast their ballots. This

was an increase over last year when 1,093 votes were cast in an election which lacked a reeveship contest.

While Councillor Passmore was the victor in the reeve's race, he only carried three of the seven wards—Wards One, Two and Seven. Councillor Scoby secured a majority in Wards Three, Four, Five and Six. Biggest ward vote was cast in Ward Seven, the big urban ward, in which Councillor Passmore secured 576 votes to Mr. Scoby's 115 votes.

Out of a total electorate of 1,260 in Esquimalt, only 370 ballots were cast. Last year 438 people voted. There were 11 spoiled ballots in the police commission vote and one spoiled one in the vote for council.

The vote by wards in the Saanich reeveship contest follow:

	Passmore	Scoby
Ward 1	254	244
Ward 2	259	119
Ward 3	40	299
Ward 4	122	131
Ward 5	27	134
Ward 6	19	82
Ward 7	576	115
Total	1,297	1,124

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People in Today's News

Flue May Be Beaten

Dr. Frank L. Horsfall, brilliant young Seattle physician, has developed a new serum designed to immunize people against influenza. Many physicians point out epidemic influenza, which has been a periodic scourge for at least 2,000 years, may be permanently eradicated as the result of Horsfall's research work.

Pacific northwest physicians will have an opportunity next week to learn at first hand about the serum which Dr. Horsfall worked out in Jamaica this year as a fellow of the International Health Foundation of the Rockefeller Institute.

Accompanied by his wife and son, the doctor will reach Seattle next Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Frank L. Horsfall.

Leopold Prisoner?

Mrs. Edward F. Stevenson, the former Baroness Suzanne Silvercruys, famous sculptor and long-time friend of the Belgian royal family and sister of the Belgian minister to Canada, says in New

York, King Leopold is a virtual prisoner at his summer royal palace at Ciergnon, about 100 miles from Brussels.

Mrs. Stevenson reports a heavy guard of Nazi troops around the palace and that nobody—not even his closest Belgian friends—is permitted to see him, unless the German police give permission.

\$10,000 for Greeks

John D. Rockefeller Jr. has given \$10,000 to New York City's war relief fund. This gift sent the fund to \$341,000, according to the chairman, Harold S. Vanderbilt, famed yachtsman who several times has retained the America's Cup for the United States. Mrs. Marshall Field has given \$1,000 to the fund.

Windsors Going Home

MIAMI, Fla.—The Duke and Duchess of Windsor will leave tomorrow for their home in Nassau.

The Duchess, who underwent a major dental operation last Tuesday, had strict orders from her dentist to remain quietly in the Coral Gables hotel apartment, to which she and the Duke moved

Saturday from a Miami Beach hospital.

She had a temporary setback Saturday night because of the loosening of a blood clot. Dr. Horace L. Carter told her to remain in bed for 24 hours.

The Windsors will sail on the yacht Southern Cross. They are due at Nassau, where the Duke maintains his official residence as Governor of the Bahama Islands, the next day.

De Havilland Better

Olivia de Havilland, who was rushed to Hollywood by plane Saturday from Albuquerque, N.M., after she was stricken with appendicitis in the midst of a movie preview junket, will not have an operation.

Dr. Verne Mason, her physician, said he expected her to leave the hospital some time today.

Soldiers Speed Mails

LONDON (CP)—Several thousand soldiers today began helping the railways dispatch Christmas cards and packages—their help sought because of public response to a "mail early" plea. The soldiers will work eight-hour shifts at all main terminals and railway stations until the night before Christmas.

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Napoleon's Son Buried Beside Father in Paris

PARIS (via Berlin) (AP)—L'Aiglon, "the Little Eagle," only son of Napoleon Bonaparte, came home yesterday amid torchlit ceremonies, indicating his present political importance, although he has been dead more than a century and his father's great empire is only a memory.

Dignitaries of Germany and France solemnly accompanied the remains of L'Aiglon, once known as the boy king of Rome and later as the Duke of Reichstadt, to Les Invalides, where they will lie beside those of his father under the great dome of the museum.

It was Hitler's personal wish that L'Aiglon be brought back to Paris from his resting-place in Vienna on the 100th anniversary of the return of Napoleon's ashes from St. Helena.

Otto Abetz, Hitler's ambassador in Paris, officially turned over the coffin to Admiral Jean Darlan, French Naval Secretary and personal representative of the French Chief of State, Marshal Philippe Petain, who remained in Vichy.

Admiral Darlan laid a wreath on the coffin as it rested before the altar of the parish church in Les Invalides.

Fernand de Brinon, French ambassador, thanked Abetz for the gesture by Hitler, which De Brinon said was the gesture of a great leader.

The body reached Paris shortly after midnight.

After a blare of trumpets and a short prayer by a priest, gendarmes stationed a guard of honor for the night.

At a press conference before the body arrived, Abetz declared Napoleon was the "precursor of the present revolution." He remarked that France might adapt herself to conditions in the new Europe and that the Duke of Reichstadt was a victim of the reactionary spirit which although still powerful would be ended by being conquered.

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